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## PREAMBLE

1. The Games of the XXVIII<sup>th</sup> Olympiad Athens 2004 (13–29 August 2004) shall feature a men's and a women's football tournament scheduled to be played between 11 and 28 August 2004.
2. The Olympic Football Tournaments Athens 2004 (hereinafter the "Tournaments") are FIFA events embodied in the FIFA Statutes.
3. The Tournaments consist of a preliminary and a final competition.
4. The organisation of the preliminary competition for the Tournaments is the joint responsibility of FIFA and the confederations in accordance with the FIFA Statutes.
5. The technical organisation of the final competition matches shall be the responsibility of FIFA.
6. Any rights not ceded by these regulations to an association participating in the final competition or to a confederation shall belong to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and/or FIFA as the case may be.
7. Terms used in these regulations referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

## I. TITLE – OLYMPIC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

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### Article 1

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The Tournaments take place every four years, in conjunction with the Summer Olympic Games. The associations affiliated to FIFA are invited to participate with their men's U-23 and women's representative teams.

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### Article 2

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1. The associations affiliated to FIFA may participate in the Tournaments, provided there is a National Olympic Committee (NOC) in their respective country, which is already recognised or about to be recognised by the IOC.
2. The Hellenic Football Federation automatically qualifies for the men's and women's final competitions.
3. Entry into the Tournaments is free of charge.

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### Article 3 **Preliminary competition**

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1. Associations shall confirm their participation by sending the official entry form, duly completed and specifying whether the entry concerns their men's and/or women's team, to the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline set by FIFA.
2. Entries sent by fax shall be confirmed by sending the official entry form by post to the FIFA general secretariat.
3. The deadline for enrolment for the men's and women's Tournaments is 11 January 2002.
4. The preliminary competition is organised by the confederations, which are required to draw up regulations and submit them for approval to the FIFA general secretariat three months before the start of the preliminary competition.
5. On entering the preliminary competition, the participating associations automatically undertake:
  - a) to observe these regulations and those drawn up by the respective confederation;
  - b) to accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters relating to the preliminary competition shall be dealt with by the respective confederation in compliance with the regulations submitted. FIFA will not intervene unless associations not affiliated

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- to a confederation are involved, or a confederation requests FIFA's intervention, or in any cases specifically provided for in the FIFA Disciplinary Code;
- c) to observe the principles of fair play.

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### Article 4 Final competition

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1. Entries for the 16 men's and the 10 women's Olympic teams that qualify for the final competition shall be submitted in writing by their respective NOC to ATHOC.
2. In addition, associations entitled to take part in the final competition shall confirm their participation to FIFA by sending the official entry form, duly completed, to the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline set by FIFA.
3. Entries sent by fax shall be confirmed by sending the official entry form by post to the FIFA general secretariat.
4. On entering the final competition, the participating associations shall automatically undertake:
  - a) to observe these regulations and to ensure that the members of its delegation and its players also observe these regulations;
  - b) to accept the decisions passed by the bodies and officials of FIFA under the terms of these regulations;
  - c) to accept all the arrangements made by ATHOC in agreement with FIFA;
  - d) to accept the use, recording and broadcast of the images of players and officials that may appear in connection with the final competition.

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5. The FIFA Executive Committee has decided that the number of teams from each confederation qualifying for the final competitions shall be as follows:

<b>Men's Tournament (16 teams):</b>		<b>Women's Tournament (10 teams):</b>	
AFC:	3	AFC:	2
CAF:	4	CAF:	1
CONCACAF:	2	CONCACAF:	2
CONMEBOL:	2	CONMEBOL:	1
OFC:	1	OFC:	1
UEFA:	3	UEFA:	3
Host (Greece):	1	Host (Greece):	1

6. The final list of 18 players and four Alternate Players, indicating the full surname(s), full first name(s), popular name, name on the shirt, date of birth, name and country of the club, position and passport number of each player, and seven officials (for each team in the men's and women's Tournaments) shall be sent to ATHOC by midnight on 21 July 2004 (Athens local time) at the latest, with a copy to the FIFA general secretariat.
7. Associations with men's and/or women's teams participating in the Tournaments shall have their officials accredited by their respective NOC, indicating the name and function of each person, as per the indications cited in the official List of Players and Officials.
8. The maximum number of officials in each delegation in the men's and women's final competitions shall be seven, including the head of delegation.



### III. ORGANISATION OF THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL COMPETITIONS

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#### Article 5 Preliminary competition

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1. The Organising Committee for the Olympic Football Tournaments (hereinafter the "FIFA Organising Committee") shall, in cooperation with the confederations form groups and/or sub-groups for the men's and women's preliminary competitions by seeding and drawing lots, whilst taking sporting, geographic and economic factors into consideration as far as possible. The preliminary competitions shall take place between November 2002 and the end of April 2004. Any play-off matches shall be contested by 16 May 2004.
2. All decisions made by the FIFA Organising Committee regarding the group formation shall be final and not subject to appeal. In the case of an association withdrawing from the preliminary competition, the FIFA Organising Committee may change groups in accordance with the provisions of Art. 5, par. 1.
3. The matches in the men's and women's preliminary competitions shall be played in accordance with one of the following three systems:
  - a) in groups composed of several teams on a home-and-away basis, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat (league system);
  - b) one home and one away match per team (knockout system);
  - c) in the form of a tournament in one of the participating countries or in a neutral country, by way of exception and only with the authorisation of the FIFA Organising Committee.

When matches are played in accordance with system (a) or (b), an association may only play home matches in another country with the authorisation of the FIFA Organising Committee.

4. If the league system is applied, the ranking in each group shall be determined as follows:
  - a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
  - b) goal difference in all group matches;
  - c) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

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

- d) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- e) goal difference resulting from all group matches between the teams concerned;
- f) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- g) play-off on neutral ground (with extra time, golden goal, and penalty kicks, if necessary).

However, with the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee, this play-off may also be held in one of the countries concerned in accordance with the provisions of Art. 15 of these regulations.

- 5. If the knockout system is applied, both teams shall play one home and one away match, the sequence of which shall be determined by lots drawn by the FIFA Organising Committee (in the event that the relevant confederation has not already done so). The team scoring the greater aggregate of goals in the two matches qualifies for the next round. If both teams score the same number of goals over the two legs, the away goals shall be counted as double. If the number of away goals scored is also equal, extra time of 2 x 15 minutes shall be played at the end of the second leg (applying the golden goal rule). If no goal is scored in extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner (cf. Art. 14).
- 6. The dates and venues of the matches of the men's and women's preliminary competitions shall be fixed by the confederations, upon consultation with the associations concerned and subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee. The associations concerned shall also agree upon the financial arrangements (cf. Art. 43).
- 7. If any association fails to agree on the dates, venues, kick-off times or the system of play (cf. Art. 5 par. 3 a–c) of the matches in the men's and women's preliminary competitions, the FIFA Organising Committee shall make the final decisions.

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8. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlights. Evening matches may only be played at venues where the floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements specified by FIFA. The FIFA Organising Committee is entitled to grant exceptions, which shall be final.

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#### Article 6 Final competition

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1. Associations that qualify for the final competition must confirm their participation in accordance with the provisions of Art. 4 of these regulations.
2. The following teams shall compete in the final competitions:  
  
Men's Tournament  
Sixteen teams, namely the Olympic team of the Hellenic Football Federation and the fifteen teams that qualify from the preliminary competition in accordance with the allocation of places specified in these regulations (cf. Art. 4, par. 5).  
  
Women's Tournament  
Ten teams, namely the Olympic team of the Hellenic Football Federation and the nine teams that qualify from the preliminary competition in accordance with the allocation of places specified in these regulations (cf. Art. 4, par. 5).
3. The venues, dates and kick-off times of the matches in the final competition shall be proposed by ATHOC and are subject to approval by the FIFA Organising Committee.
4. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlights. Evening matches may only be played at venues where the floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements specified by FIFA.
5. Weather permitting, the teams will be entitled to a training session of a maximum of 45 minutes on the day before every match at the stadium where they are scheduled to play. If the pitch is not in good condition, FIFA may shorten or cancel the training session.

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6. The teams shall be entitled to warm up on the pitch before the match, weather permitting.
7. ATHOC shall make at least two training grounds available for each group of teams.
8. These training grounds shall be available for use at least five days before the first match at each venue. The teams shall only use these officially designated training grounds.
9. The football grounds reserved for the matches (with the exception of the Olympic Stadium) shall not be used for any other matches or events from 30 days prior to the final competition until the competition is completed, unless the FIFA Organising Committee gives special permission.

## IV. WITHDRAWAL, PENALTY FOR FAILING TO PLAY AND REPLACEMENT

### Article 7 Preliminary competition

1. All associations that enter a team undertake to play all of their preliminary matches.
2. Any association that withdraws up to 30 days before the start of the preliminary competition shall be fined CHF 5,000.
3. Any association that withdraws less than 30 days before the start of the preliminary competition shall be fined CHF 7,500.
4. Any association that withdraws after the start of the preliminary competition shall be fined CHF 10,000.
5. Any association that withdraws prior to or during the preliminary competition may be replaced by another association. The FIFA Organising Committee shall decide on the matter.
6. Depending on circumstances and the decision of the FIFA Organising Committee, any association that withdraws may be ordered to reimburse FIFA and the association(s) and/or confederation(s) concerned for any expenses the latter have already incurred as a result of their involvement, and may also be obliged to pay compensation for any damages or losses incurred.
7. If the circumstances of the withdrawal are sufficiently serious, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may also take whatever additional action is appropriate, including the right to ban the association concerned from subsequent Tournaments, and from any other FIFA competition.
8. The relevant FIFA committee shall determine the amount of damages for financial loss upon receipt of a substantiated and documented request from the association(s) and/or confederation(s) concerned.
9. If, through the fault of any association, a match cannot take place or be played in its entirety, the FIFA Organising Committee shall declare that the match be forfeited (awarding victory and the resultant three points to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score of the match at the time of abandonment) and forward the file to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

## IV. WITHDRAWAL, PENALTY FOR FAILING TO PLAY AND REPLACEMENT

10. No appeals may be lodged against these decisions. Furthermore, the association responsible shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from FIFA.
11. The FIFA Organising Committee shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in the case of force majeure (cf. Art. 9 par. 4.1c).

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### Article 8 Final competition

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1. All participating associations undertake to play all of their matches until eliminated.
2. If a team refuses to play in the final competition, it shall be disqualified, unless Art. 46 and Art. 47 of these regulations apply.
3. Any association that withdraws up to 30 days before the start of the final competition shall be fined CHF 15,000.
4. Any association that withdraws less than 30 days before the start of the final competition shall be fined CHF 20,000.
5. Any association that withdraws before the start of the final competition may be replaced by another association. The FIFA Organising Committee shall decide on the matter.
6. Depending on circumstances and the decision of the FIFA Organising Committee, any association that withdraws may be ordered to reimburse FIFA and ATHOC for any expenses already incurred as a result of its involvement, and may also be obliged to pay compensation for any damages or losses incurred.
7. Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the FIFA Disciplinary Committee may also impose appropriate sanctions, including the right to ban the association concerned from subsequent Tournaments, and from any other FIFA competition.

#### IV. WITHDRAWAL, PENALTY FOR FAILING TO PLAY AND REPLACEMENT

8. The relevant FIFA committee shall determine the amount of damages for financial loss upon receipt of a substantiated and documented request from ATHOC.
9. If, through the fault of any association, a match cannot take place or be played in its entirety, the FIFA Organising Committee shall declare that the match be forfeited (awarding victory and the resultant three points to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score in the match at the time of abandonment) and forward the file to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
10. No appeals may be lodged against these decisions. Furthermore, the association responsible shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from FIFA.
11. The FIFA Organising Committee shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in the case of force majeure (cf. Art. 9 par. 4.1.c).

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### Article 9

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1. The FIFA Organising Committee appointed by the FIFA Executive Committee is responsible for the organisation of the Tournaments in accordance with the FIFA Statutes.
2. The FIFA Organising Committee may, if necessary, appoint a bureau and/or a sub-committee to deal with emergencies. Any decision taken by the bureau or the sub-committee shall come into effect immediately but shall be subject to confirmation by the plenary committee at its next meeting.
3. The FIFA Organising Committee shall draw up the regulations for the Tournaments. These regulations are subject to approval by the FIFA Executive Committee.
4. The responsibilities of the FIFA Organising Committee include:
  - 4.1. Preliminary and final competitions
    - a) appointing match commissioners for the preliminary and final competitions and, when necessary, assisting the confederations in appointing security officers or any other officials that may be required;
    - b) ensuring that the terms and conditions of Art. 24 and Art. 25 are respected;
    - c) settling cases of force majeure;
    - d) imposing fines specifically provided for under Art. 7, par. 2–4 and Art. 8, par. 3 and 4;
    - e) adjudicating on protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility (cf. Art. 11);
    - f) replacing associations that have withdrawn from the Tournaments (cf. Art. 7, par. 5 and Art. 8, par. 5);
    - g) dealing with any other aspect of the Tournaments that is not the responsibility of another body under the terms of these regulations or the FIFA Statutes.



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- 4.2. Preliminary competition
  - a) forming groups and/or sub-groups in cooperation with the confederations;
  - b) fixing venues, dates and kick-off times in cooperation with the confederations if associations fail to agree;
  - c) deciding which matches will be subject to random doping tests (cf. Art. 26).
  
- 4.3. Final competition
  - a) supervising general preparations, deciding on the match system and the draw, and forming groups;
  - b) after consultation with ATHOC, fixing the dates and venues for the matches, choosing stadiums and training grounds in good condition;
  - c) determining kick-off times;
  - d) choosing the official football and the stipulated technical material;
  - e) dealing with any other aspect of the Tournaments that is not the responsibility of another body under the terms of these regulations or the FIFA Statutes.
  
5. The decisions taken by the FIFA Organising Committee are final and binding, subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland (cf. Art. 59 of the FIFA Statutes).

## VI. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

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### Article 10

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The participating associations undertake to comply with the FIFA Disciplinary Code in force and the relevant circular(s).

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### Article 11 **Protests and appeals**

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1. Subject to the following provisions, protests are objections of any kind in relation to matches in the Tournaments.
2. Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA match commissioner or general coordinator within two hours of the end of the match and followed up immediately by sending a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to the FIFA general secretariat by fax.
3. Protests regarding the eligibility of players for any final competition matches shall be submitted in writing to the FIFA general secretariat at least five days before the first match of the final competition.
4. Protests regarding any incidents that occur during matches shall be directed to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has restarted. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the FIFA match commissioner or general coordinator by the head of the team delegation not later than two hours after the match in question.
5. Protests regarding the state of the pitch, markings, goals, flag posts, or footballs shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the head of delegation of the team lodging the protest.
6. No protests may be made against the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.
7. If a frivolous or irresponsible protest is lodged, the responsible body may impose a fine.

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8. Protests shall be sent to the FIFA general secretariat by the specified deadline, otherwise they will be disregarded.
9. In compliance with Art. 59 of the FIFA Statutes, associations may not take disputes to a civil court. They shall undertake to submit any such disputes to the jurisdiction of FIFA, and, should the need arise, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

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### Article 12

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Once the Tournaments have finished, any protests regarding the sporting procedure during the final competition will be disregarded.

## VII. MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

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### Article 13

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1. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
2. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version is authoritative.
3. Panels or electronic display boards, numbered on both sides, shall be used to indicate the substitution of players and the number of minutes to be allowed for time lost in accordance with Art. 14, par. 5.

## VIII. DURATION OF MATCHES, EXTRA TIME, DETERMINING THE WINNER BY PENALTY KICKS

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### Article 14

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1. Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes.
2. If, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, extra time is required at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consist of two periods of 15 minutes, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
3. If a match is drawn at the end of extra time, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure specified in the Laws of the Game.
4. Clocks in the stadium showing the length of time played may run during the match, provided that they are stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e. after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation also applies in the event of extra time being played, i.e. after 15 and 30 minutes respectively.
5. At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (45 and 90 minutes), the referee shall indicate to the fourth official the number of additional minutes that he has decided to allow for time lost. This stipulation also applies to the two periods of extra time.

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### Article 15

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1. The associations organising matches in the preliminary competition shall be responsible for the standard of the stadiums and their facilities in which the matches are played on their territory. ATHOC shall guarantee the standard of the stadiums and facilities chosen for the final competition. All stadiums and their facilities, in which the matches are to take place, shall fulfil FIFA requirements and comply with the standards of safety and security required for international matches. The fields of play, goals and flag posts shall comply with the provisions stipulated in the Laws of the Game. The pitches and the facilities shall be in optimum condition.
2. The stadiums selected by ATHOC for the final competition shall be subject to the approval of the FIFA Organising Committee and the pitches shall measure 105 m in length and 68 m in width.
3. As a general rule, the preliminary and final competition matches may only be played in all-seater stadiums. If the only stadiums available have both seating and standing areas, the standing areas shall remain vacant.
4. As a general rule, the matches may be played on natural or artificial turf.
5. Training grounds in good condition and situated near the teams' headquarters shall be made available to each team on a rota basis five days prior to each team's first match in the final competition, in accordance with their needs and a timetable drawn up by ATHOC and the FIFA general coordinator.

### Article 16

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1. The footballs chosen for the preliminary and final competitions shall conform with the provisions of the Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three designations: the official "FIFA APPROVED" logo, the official "FIFA INSPECTED" logo, or the reference "INTERNATIONAL MATCH BALL STANDARD".
2. The FIFA Equipment Regulations in force shall apply to manufacturer identification on the footballs.
3. The footballs for the preliminary competition shall be supplied by the host association.
4. The footballs for the final competition shall be selected and supplied by FIFA.

### A. Participating associations

#### Article 17

1. Preliminary competition  
Unless otherwise mentioned under Art. 5, the responsibilities of each association taking part in the preliminary competition shall include:
  - a) guaranteeing law and order as well as safety in the stadiums, if necessary in collaboration with the relevant authorities;
  - b) complying with the guidelines and instructions issued by FIFA.
  
2. Preliminary and final competitions
  - 2.1. All participants in FIFA competitions, regardless of their function, are requested to conclude adequate insurance cover.
  
  - 2.2. Unless otherwise mentioned under Art. 5 and Art. 6, the responsibilities of each association taking part in the preliminary and final competitions shall include:
    - a) ensuring the good behaviour of the members of its delegation (officials and players), and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Tournaments, for the whole duration of their stay in the host country;
    - b) concluding compulsory health, accident and travel insurance cover for all the members of its delegation;
    - c) paying for incidental expenses incurred by delegation members during the course of their stay in the host country and for any costs incurred by additional members of its delegation;
    - d) paying for any costs of extending the stay;
    - e) applying for visas in good time from the consulate or embassy of the host country, if necessary;
    - f) attending press conferences and other official media activities organised by the host association or FIFA/ATHOC.
  
3. Final competition
  - 3.1. Each association taking part in the final competition shall ensure, as a condition of its participation, that every member of its delegation (officials and players) completes the official entry form provided by FIFA.



## X. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING ASSOCIATIONS, ATHOC AND FIFA

- 3.2. In addition to completing FIFA's official entry form, each NOC will be requested to complete ATHOC's final Sport Entry Forms and Eligibility Conditions forms for the purpose of official registration of the athletes for the Olympic Games Athens 2004.

### B. ATHOC

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#### Article 18

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1. The responsibilities of ATHOC shall include but not be limited to:
- a) ensuring that order and safety is maintained, particularly inside the stadiums and in their immediate surroundings. It shall take adequate measures, if necessary by working closely with the relevant authorities, to prevent and restrain outbreaks of violence. ATHOC shall ensure efficient entry checks and guarantee the safety and security of spectators;
  - b) ensuring that order and safety is maintained around the headquarters and/or the Olympic Village, and training grounds of the participating teams;
  - c) ensuring the presence of a sufficient number of ground staff and security stewards to guarantee safety. ATHOC is responsible for the behaviour of these staff while on duty;
  - d) providing suitable local transport from the official hotels to the stadiums where the matches will be played and to the training grounds for the participating teams and the match officials as well as the delegates of FIFA.

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### Article 19 Media

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1. ATHOC shall be responsible for:
  - a) providing an adequate number of seats and the necessary technical facilities for local and foreign representatives of the media (television, press, radio and internet).
  - b) preventing journalists, television and radio commentators, and accredited film and television crews from entering the playing area at any time before, during or after the match. Only a limited number of photographers and television personnel required to operate the broadcasting equipment, all of them issued with special accreditation, may be admitted to the area between the boundaries of the field and spectators.

### C. FIFA

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### Article 20

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1. FIFA's responsibilities during the final competition shall include:
  - a) appointing the match commissioners through the FIFA Organising Committee. In principle, FIFA designates one match commissioner per match.
  - b) appointing one security officer for every match with a high risk factor classification;
  - c) appointing the referees, assistant referees and fourth officials through the FIFA Referees and Assistant Referees Committee;
  - d) arranging accident and health insurance cover for the members of its official delegation, including the referees and assistant referees (cf. Art. 44, par. 2).

## XI. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

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### Article 21

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1. In the absence of any written agreement with FIFA to the contrary, or as set out herein, no participating association shall have any promotional, advertising, marketing, broadcasting or other commercial exploitation rights in relation to:
  - a) the final competition of the Tournaments;
  - b) any event held under the auspices of FIFA;
  - c) FIFA or the IOC itself.

### Article 22

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1. FIFA is the owner of the following marks on a worldwide basis:
  - a) the name "FIFA";
  - b) the FIFA Design Emblem.
2. The use of these marks by the participating associations is subject to FIFA's prior written approval and further regulations issued by FIFA. The participating associations shall not use the marks without obtaining such written approval.

### Article 23

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All commercial rights in relation to the final competition (marketing and TV rights) are regulated by the IOC.

## XII. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

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### Article 24

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1. Each association shall take the following provisions into account when selecting its representative team(s):
  - a) all players shall be citizens of its country and subject to its jurisdiction;
  - b) all players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the provisions of Art. 15 of the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes.
  
2. **Men's Tournament**  
As a general rule, only players who were born on or after 1 January 1981 are eligible to take part in the preliminary competition and final competition. However, a maximum of three players who do not meet this age limit may also be included in the official List of Players for the final competition.
  
3. **Women's Tournament**  
No age restrictions apply for the preliminary competition or the final competition.
  
4. **Sanctions**  
Any team that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player for whatever reason (non-compliance with the age limit, omission from the list of players as a potential participant in the match, etc.) shall forfeit the match. Victory and the resultant three points shall be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score of the match. The relevant FIFA committees may take additional disciplinary measures.

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### Article 25 Lists of players

#### *Preliminary competition*

1. 18 players (11 selected players and 7 substitutes) will be eligible to take part in the matches. Two of these 18 players must be goalkeepers, with the number one shirt being reserved for one of them.
2. In the exceptional event where a group plays all its qualifying matches at one venue (tournament style), up to 20 players (11 selected players and 9 substitutes) may be registered.
3. A passport that explicitly states the day, month and year of birth shall be the only document considered to be valid proof of a player's identity, nationality and age. A player shall not be entitled to play unless he can produce a valid passport. Identity cards shall not be accepted as a valid means of identification.

#### *Final competition*

4. Each association that qualifies for the final competition shall send FIFA a preliminary list containing the names of a maximum of 30 eligible players at least 30 days before the opening match of the final competition.
5. This preliminary list shall be accompanied by copies of the birth certificates and passports of each player appearing on the list. All this documentation shall reach the FIFA general secretariat by the deadline set in the relevant circular.
6. Each association that qualifies for the final competition may nominate 18 players, numbered from 1 to 18, with the numbers 1 and 18 being reserved exclusively for the goalkeepers.
7. In addition to the 18 players officially enrolled for the competition, each association is allowed, if deemed necessary, to select a maximum of four Alternate Players, who will appear in the preliminary and the final official List of Players and Officials, but will not be officially enrolled for the competition and therefore not be allowed to play. The following applies to these four Alternate Players:
  - a) They are not among the 18 players officially enrolled in their association's List of Players and Officials. They are not allowed to compete in the final competition unless the provisions of Art. 25, par. 7c apply;

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- b) The purpose of selecting Alternate Players is, in principle, to have them available should one or more of the officially enrolled players sustain an injury or in the case of force majeure once the final competition has started;
  - c) Any request to change the status of an Alternate Player in order to enrol him in the official list of 18 players must be made following approval and confirmation from the relevant FIFA committees and by following the ATHOC Procedure regarding Emergency Medical Replacement. Once the replacement request has been approved by all parties, the relevant form must be submitted in writing to the ATHOC Accreditation Centre(s) either by the relevant team's head of delegation or by the Chef de Mission of the respective NOC;
  - d) The Alternate Players will be numbered 19 to 22, with the number 22 being reserved for the alternate goalkeeper;
  - e) All costs incurred by any Alternate Player (airfares, board, lodging etc.) shall be borne by either the relevant association or NOC.
8. The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the official team list, which shall be submitted to the FIFA general secretariat, together with the copies of the players' passports, using the official form, by 21 July 2004. This list of 18 players and four Alternate Players shall show the full surname(s), all first names, popular name, name on the shirt, date of birth, passport number, club and country of the club, and position of each player. Only these 18 players (except in cases of force majeure recognised by the FIFA Organising Committee, cf. Art. 25, par. 7b) shall be permitted to compete in the final competition.
9. All 18 players shall be named in the starting list for each match (11 selected players and seven substitutes). Up to a maximum of three of these substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match. None of the four Alternate Players, unless their status has been changed in accordance with Art. 25, par. 7c and they are thus officially enrolled in the official list of 18 players, may be included in the starting list for a match or be seated on the substitutes' bench during a match.
10. No more than 15 people (seven substitutes, seven officials plus, if required, one Team Liaison Officer) shall be allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. Each team's media and security officers must be included among the seven officials sitting on the substitutes' bench.

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11. Before the start of the final competition, all players listed must prove their identity, nationality and age by producing both their legally valid individual passport with photograph (stating day, month, and year of birth) and their birth certificate. Any player who fails to submit these documents shall not be allowed to take part in the final competition.
12. If any discrepancies are detected in a male player's date of birth, the FIFA Organising Committee shall apply the provisions determined by the FIFA Executive Committee for such cases and decide the consequences that such a violation will have on the rest of the competition. The FIFA Organising Committee will then forward the file to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
13. ATHOC shall issue each player and official with an official accreditation bearing a photograph.
14. Only players in possession of valid accreditation may play in the final competition. The accreditation shall always be available for inspection by FIFA officials (e.g. referees, general coordinators and match commissioners).
15. Each participating association will receive 25 accreditations (18 for the listed players and seven for officials). An association may request up to a maximum of four extra accreditations for its Alternate Players. The recipients of the additional accreditations will appear on the official List of Players and Officials, but will not be officially enrolled for the final competition and their access to zones will be limited.
16. The official lists of 18 players and four Alternate Players will be published by the FIFA general secretariat.

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### Article 26

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#### *General matters*

1. Doping is prohibited.
2. Doping is any attempt by a player himself or at the instigation of another person to enhance his mental and physical performance unphysiologically or to treat ailments or injury (when this is medically unjustified) for the sole purpose of taking part in a competition.
3. The use of a substance or a procedure that is intended to modify or destroy samples of urine or other substances being examined in doping tests also constitutes an act of doping.

#### *Preliminary competition*

4. Any association taking part in the Tournaments shall undertake to comply with the Doping Control Regulations for FIFA Competitions and Out of Competition by signing the Declaration of Agreement, which will be sent to the associations with a circular.
5. Random doping tests will be carried out. Four players from each team shall be drawn by lots. The first two players drawn from each team shall be tested and the other two shall replace them in the case of injury. If there is a suspicion of doping, the FIFA match commissioner and/or the referee of the match in question are entitled to summon additional players to be tested.
6. The FIFA Organising Committee shall be responsible for deciding which of the laboratories accredited by the IOC will analyse the samples.
7. Every player, including substitutes, will be liable to undergo doping control. Any player or team that refuses to participate in doping control or falsifies the results of a test or attempts to do so, or is found guilty of having taken prohibited substances, whether intentionally or not, shall be referred to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.



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8. Any official who encourages or incites a player, either intentionally or through negligence, to commit such an infringement as stated in Art. 26 par. 7 of these regulations shall be referred to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.

#### *Final competition*

9. Doping tests shall be carried out in accordance with the instructions issued by FIFA and the IOC. Analyses shall be carried out in laboratories made available by the IOC.
10. Every player, including substitutes, will be liable to undergo doping control. Any player or team that refuses to participate in doping control or falsifies the results of a test or attempts to do so, or is found guilty of having taken prohibited substances, whether intentionally or not, shall be excluded from the final competition by the IOC Medical Commission and referred to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
11. Any official who encourages or incites a player, either intentionally or through negligence, to commit such an infringement as stated in Art. 26, par. 10 of these regulations shall be excluded from the final competition by the IOC Medical Commission and referred to the FIFA Disciplinary Committee.
12. Furthermore, reference is made to the FIFA Doping Control Regulations for FIFA Competitions and Out of Competition in force, which contain the list of prohibited substances and methods, as well as to the FIFA Disciplinary Code and the IOC provisions regarding doping control.

### Article 27

1. The participating associations shall undertake to comply with the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force with regard to all aspects concerning colours, numbering and the printing of names on the players' equipment, for the preliminary and final competitions.
2. During the final competition of the Olympic Football Tournaments, unlike other FIFA competitions, the IOC Olympic Charter forms the basis for the acceptance of the equipment of the participating associations. The latter represent their respective NOCs during the Olympic Games Athens 2004 and must therefore comply fully with IOC guidelines.
3. Rule 61 and the Bye-Law to Rule 61 of the Olympic Charter (cf. Appendix A of these regulations) describe the specifications of manufacturer identification allowed on the players' kit and on other clothing worn by substitutes and officials in the stadium and training areas. This ruling takes precedence over the FIFA Equipment Regulations in force in terms of advertising on sports equipment and manufacturers' identification.
4. Players and officials shall not display political, religious, commercial or personal messages in any language or form on their playing kit, equipment or body.
5. In the case of contradictions between the IOC and FIFA regulations, the IOC regulations shall prevail.

### Article 28

1. The referees, assistant referees and fourth officials for the preliminary competition and the final competition shall be selected from the applicable FIFA International List of Referees and Assistant Referees. They shall not represent associations playing in the group in question.
2. A referee, two assistant referees and a fourth official shall be appointed by the confederations, in consultation with FIFA, for each match in the preliminary competition and by the FIFA Referees and Assistant Referees Committee for each match in the final competition.
3. The decisions of the FIFA Referees and Assistant Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal.
4. After each match, the referee shall complete and sign an official FIFA report form. He shall hand it over to the FIFA general coordinator at the stadium immediately after the match.
5. On the report form, the referee shall note all occurrences before, during, and after the match in as much detail as possible such as:
  - a) misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion;
  - b) unsporting behaviour by officials, supporters, or any other person acting on behalf of an association at the match;
  - c) any other incidents.
6. The match officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.

## XVI. TECHNICAL RULES FOR THE FINAL COMPETITION

### A. Men's Tournament

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#### Article 29

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1. The final competition shall consist of a group stage, quarter-finals, semi-finals, play-off for third place (Olympic bronze medal) and final (Olympic gold and silver medals).
2. If a match in the knockout stages is a draw after 90 minutes, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner (cf. Art. 14, par. 2 and 3).

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#### Article 30 Group stage

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1. The sixteen teams taking part in the final competition shall be divided into four groups of four teams.
2. The FIFA Organising Committee shall divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public, whilst taking sporting and geographic factors into consideration as far as possible.
3. The teams in the four groups shall be designated as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A 1	B 1	C 1	D1
A 2	B 2	C 2	D2
A 3	B 3	C 3	D3
A 4	B 4	C 4	D4
4. The system of play shall be a league system, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat.
5. The ranking of the teams in each group shall be determined as follows:
  - a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
  - b) goal difference in all group matches;
  - c) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

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

- d) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches between the teams concerned;
  - e) goal difference resulting from all group matches between the teams concerned;
  - f) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
  - g) fair play point system in which the number of yellow and red cards each team has received is evaluated;
  - h) drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee;
  - i) should two teams that are equal under the terms of Art. 30, par. 5 a–g contest their last group match against each other, kicks will be taken from the penalty mark immediately after the match to determine the final ranking instead of lots being drawn by the FIFA Organising Committee.
6. The two teams ranked first and second in each group qualify for the quarter-finals.

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### Article 31

The matches in the group stage shall be played in accordance with a schedule drawn up by the FIFA Organising Committee and ATHOC. The last two matches in each group shall be scheduled to kick off simultaneously.

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### Article 32 Quarter-finals

1. The eight teams that advance from the group stage shall contest the quarter-finals as follows:

Winner A v. Runner-up B	=	Winner 25
Winner D v. Runner-up C	=	Winner 26
Winner C v. Runner-up D	=	Winner 27
Winner B v. Runner-up A	=	Winner 28
2. The matches shall be played in accordance with the knockout system (cf. Art. 29, par. 2).

## XVI. TECHNICAL RULES FOR THE FINAL COMPETITION

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### Article 33 Semi-finals

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1. The winners of the quarter-finals shall contest the semi-finals as follows:  
Winner 25 v. Winner 27  
Winner 26 v. Winner 28
2. The matches shall be played in accordance with the knockout system (cf. Art. 29, par. 2).

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### Article 34 Final and play-off for third place

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1. The winners of the semi-finals qualify for the final.
2. The losers of the semi-finals contest the play-off for third place.
3. If the play-off for third place is not played directly preceding the final and is a draw after 90 minutes, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner. However, if the match is played directly preceding the final and is a draw after 90 minutes, no extra time will be played and the winner will be determined immediately by kicks from the penalty mark.
4. If the final is a draw after 90 minutes, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner (cf. Art. 14, par. 2 and 3).

### B. Women's Tournament

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#### Article 35

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1. The final competition shall consist of a group stage, quarter-finals, semi-finals, play-off for third place (Olympic bronze medal) and final (Olympic gold and silver medals).
2. If a match in the knockout stages is a draw after 90 minutes, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner (cf. Art. 14, par. 2 and 3).

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#### Article 36 Group stage

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1. The ten teams taking part in the final competition shall be divided into two groups of three teams and one group of four teams.
2. The FIFA Organising Committee shall divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public, whilst taking sporting and geographic factors into consideration as far as possible.
3. The teams in the three groups shall be designated as follows:

Group E	Group F	Group G
E 1	F 1	G 1
E 2	F 2	G 2
E 3	F 3	G 3
		G 4
4. The system of play shall be a league system, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat.
5. The ranking of the teams in each group shall be determined as follows:
  - a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
  - b) goal difference in all group matches;
  - c) greatest number of goals scored in the group matches.

## XVI. TECHNICAL RULES FOR THE FINAL COMPETITION

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

- d) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches between the teams concerned;
  - e) goal difference resulting from all group matches between the teams concerned;
  - f) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
  - g) fair play point system in which the number of yellow and red cards each team has received is evaluated;
  - h) drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee;
  - i) should two teams that are equal under the terms of Art. 36, par. 5a-g contest their last group match against each other, kicks will be taken from the penalty mark immediately after the match to determine the final ranking instead of lots being drawn by the FIFA Organising Committee;
6. The two teams ranked first and second in each group, the third-placed team with the best record from Groups E and F, and the team ranked third in Group G qualify for the quarter-finals.
  7. The third-placed team with the best record from Groups E and F shall be determined as follows:
    - a) greatest number of points obtained in all the group matches;
    - b) goal difference resulting from all the group matches;
    - c) greatest number of goals scored in all the group matches;
    - d) fair play point system in which the number of yellow and red cards each team has received is evaluated;
    - e) drawing of lots by the FIFA Organising Committee.

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### Article 37

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The matches of the group stage shall be played in accordance with a schedule drawn up by the FIFA Organising Committee and ATHOC. The last two matches in Group G shall be scheduled to kick off simultaneously.



## XVI. TECHNICAL RULES FOR THE FINAL COMPETITION

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### Article 38 Quarter-finals

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1. The eight teams that advance from the group stage shall contest the quarter-finals as follows:

Winner F	v.	Runner-up E	=	Winner 1
Winner G	v.	3 <sup>rd</sup> E/F	=	Winner 2
Runner-up F	v.	Runner-up G	=	Winner 3
Winner E	v.	3 <sup>rd</sup> G	=	Winner 4

2. The matches shall be played in accordance with the knockout system (cf. Art. 35, par. 2).

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### Article 39 Semi-finals

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1. The winners of the quarter-finals shall contest the semi-finals as follows:

Winner 2	v.	Winner 1
Winner 4	v.	Winner 3

2. The matches shall be played in accordance with the knockout system (cf. Art. 35, par. 2).

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### Article 40 Final and play-off for third place

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1. The winners of the semi-finals qualify for the final.
2. The losers of the semi-finals contest the play-off for third place.

## XVI. TECHNICAL RULES FOR THE FINAL COMPETITION

3. If the play-off for third place is not played directly preceding the final and is a draw after 90 minutes, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner. However, if the match is played directly preceding the final and is a draw after 90 minutes, no extra time will be played and the winner will be determined immediately by kicks from the penalty mark.
4. If the final is a draw after 90 minutes, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner (cf. Art. 14, par. 2 and 3).

### Article 41

1. Each player of the three top-ranked teams who was fielded in at least one match (or part thereof) is entitled to:

Olympic Champion:	an Olympic gold medal and a diploma
Runner-up:	an Olympic silver medal and a diploma
3 <sup>rd</sup> placed:	an Olympic bronze medal and a diploma

Any player of the three top-ranked teams who was not fielded in any match shall only receive a diploma. These medals and diplomas shall be provided by ATHOC for distribution by the IOC.

2. Each player of the teams ranked fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth shall receive a diploma. These diplomas shall be provided by ATHOC for distribution by the IOC.
3. Fair Play Awards:  
The FIFA Fair Play Trophy, a fair play medal for each player and official, a diploma and a voucher for football equipment (to be used for youth development and whose exact amount will be fixed by the relevant FIFA committee) will go to the teams finishing first in the Fair Play competitions of the men's and women's Olympic Football Tournaments. Since presenting the Fair Play Awards in the stadium at the end of the men's and women's finals would contravene Olympic protocol, FIFA shall find another non-Olympic occasion to make these presentations.
4. During the preliminary competition, the FIFA flag and the flags of the confederation and of both competing associations shall be flown inside the stadium at every match. The national anthems of the two teams shall be played after the line-up.
5. During the final competition, the following procedures will be carried out in order to ensure that FIFA match protocol is respected:
  - a) the FIFA anthem shall be played while the two teams are entering the field.
  - b) the national anthems of the two teams shall be played after the line-up.

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- c) in addition to the Olympic flag and any other flag(s) required according to Olympic protocol, the FIFA flag, the FIFA Fair Play flag and the flags of the two teams shall be flown in each stadium during matches.
- d) Olympic protocol shall apply to the final competition in any matters other than those mentioned in Art. 41, par. 5 a–c.

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### Article 42 Seating arrangements, tickets

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1. During football matches, the members of the FIFA delegation (including match officials) shall be seated in the Olympic Stand.
2. Members of the FIFA delegation will only gain access to the Olympic Stand with a valid accreditation and a ticket.
3. Teams will be accommodated in reserved areas in the Athletes' Stands.
4. In the event of double-headers, a specific area will be reserved in the Athletes' Stand for the teams playing in the matches.
5. Players and officials from the participating associations will only gain access to the Athletes' Stand with a valid accreditation and a ticket.
6. As with all other events in the Olympic Games, football falls under the auspices of the IOC. The customary FIFA policy of allocating complimentary tickets to the teams for their matches in the group and knockout stages does not apply. Should an association wish to purchase additional tickets for its own or other matches, requests should be addressed to its NOC, the latter being solely responsible for coordinating any additional ticket requests for all sports disciplines.

### Article 43 Preliminary competition

1. All revenue from the exploitation of the commercial rights (advertising, TV and radio broadcasts, film and videos) for the preliminary competition matches belongs to the host association and, with the income from ticket sales, form the gross receipts. The owners of the rights are obliged to provide FIFA, upon request and free of charge, with fifteen minutes of action footage per match. FIFA will use this footage free of charge to promote its fair play campaign and worldwide football. FIFA is also entitled to use the footage for its own electronic data carriers or any such carriers produced on FIFA's behalf, and for its own multimedia database.
2. The following deductions shall be made from the gross receipts:
  - a) a levy of 2% (minimum CHF 1,000) in favour of FIFA and the levy due to the confederations in accordance with the confederation's statutes and regulations after deduction of the taxes mentioned in Art.43, par. 2b. The levies due to FIFA and the confederations shall be paid within 60 days after the match at the official rate of exchange on the day the payment is due.
  - b) state, provincial and municipal taxes and any charges for the hire of the stadium, the combined total of which shall not exceed 30% (cf. Art. 11, par. 3 of the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes).
3. The participating associations shall settle the other costs among themselves. If no agreement is reached, the following provisions shall apply:
  - a) the visiting association shall pay for its delegation's own travel costs (by air in economy class, rail/sleeper in first class) to the venue and/or the nearest airport;
  - b) the host association shall pay for expenses incurred by the stay (board and lodging in a first-class hotel, domestic transport) for a maximum of 25 persons for a duration depending on flight connections;
  - c) the host association shall pay for board and lodging in a first-class hotel and domestic transport in the host country for the referee, assistant referees, fourth official, and match commissioner, as well as the security officer and/or any other official who may be designated.

## XVIII. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

4. If the gross receipts of a match in the preliminary competition are insufficient to cover the expenses, the host association shall bear the deficit (cf. Art.43, par. 2).
5. FIFA shall bear the costs of:
  - a) international travel (by air – in economy class for domestic and continental flights, and in business class for intercontinental flights – or by rail/sleeper in first class) and the daily allowances, as fixed by FIFA, for referees, assistant referees and fourth officials;
  - b) international travel (by air in business class or by rail/sleeper in first class) and the daily allowances, as fixed by FIFA, for the match commissioner and the security officer and/or any other official who may be designated.

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### Article 44 Final competition

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1. Each association participating in the final competition shall be responsible for the costs of concluding compulsory health, accident and travel insurance cover for all the members of its delegation.
2. FIFA shall be responsible for the costs of insurance taken out to cover its own risks as follows:
  - a) legal liability insurance;
  - b) financial and consequential losses liability insurance;
  - c) accident insurance for members of the official FIFA delegation (including match officials);
  - d) legal protection insurance;
  - e) luggage insurance for members of the FIFA committees and match officials.

## XVIII. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

3. The following financial terms and conditions are regulated jointly by the Olympic Charter of the IOC, the Host City Contract, and the Cooperative Agreement signed between FIFA and ATHOC, and are borne jointly by the IOC, ATHOC and the respective NOCs:
  - a) board and lodging of the participating teams and match officials;
  - b) international air travel expenses for the participating teams and match officials;
  - c) domestic travel expenses (by air or road) during the Olympic Football Tournaments for the participating teams and match officials;
  - d) laundry service for the match and training kits of the participating teams and match officials.

## XIX. COMPLIANCE WITH DECISIONS TAKEN BY FIFA BODIES

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### Article 45

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1. Associations taking part in the Tournaments shall undertake to comply fully with these regulations and the decisions taken by the FIFA Organising Committee, Referees and Assistant Referees Committee, Disciplinary Committee and Appeal Committee.
2. Any disputes arising from the application of these regulations shall be settled by the jurisdiction of FIFA and, if subsequently necessary, by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland).



## XX. MISCELLANEOUS

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### Article 46

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The FIFA Organising Committee shall, in conjunction with ATHOC, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances that may arise in the host country. These instructions shall form an integral part of these regulations.

### Article 47

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Matters not provided for in these regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the FIFA Organising Committee. All decisions shall be final.

### Article 48

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In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French or Spanish texts of these regulations, the English text is authoritative.

### Article 49

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These regulations have been ratified by the FIFA Executive Committee and come into force immediately.

Zurich, April 2004

For the FIFA Executive Committee

Joseph S. Blatter  
President

Urs Linsi  
General Secretary

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### Rule 61 and Bye-Law to Rule 61 of the Olympic Charter

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#### Propaganda and Advertising\*

1. No kind of demonstration or political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in the Olympic areas. No form of publicity shall be allowed in and above the stadia and other competition areas which are considered as part of the Olympic sites. Commercial installations and advertising signs shall not be allowed in the stadia, nor in the other sports grounds.
2. The IOC Executive Board alone has the competence to determine the principles and conditions under which any form of publicity may be authorized.

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### Bye-Law to Rule 61

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1. No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Olympic Games, except for the identification – as defined in paragraph 8 below – of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.
  - 1.1. The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than once per item of clothing and equipment.
  - 1.2. Equipment: any manufacturer's identification that is greater than 10% of the surface area of the equipment that is exposed during competition shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously. However, there shall be no manufacturer's identification greater than 60 cm<sup>2</sup>.
  - 1.3. Headgear (e.g. hats, helmets, sunglasses, goggles) and gloves: any identification of manufacturer over 6 cm<sup>2</sup> shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.
  - 1.4. Clothing (e.g. T-shirts, shorts, sweat tops and sweat pants): any manufacturer's identification which is greater than 12 cm<sup>2</sup> shall be deemed to be marked conspicuously.

- 1.5. Shoes: it is acceptable that there appear the normal distinctive design pattern of the manufacturer. The manufacturer's name and/or logo may also appear, up to a maximum of 6 cm<sup>2</sup>, either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.
- 1.6. In case of special rules adopted by an International Sports Federation, exceptions to the rules mentioned above can be approved by the Executive Board of the IOC.  
Any violation of the provisions of the present clause shall result in disqualification or withdrawal of the accreditation of the person concerned. The decisions of the IOC Executive Board regarding this matter shall be final.  
The numbers worn by competitors may not display publicity of any kind and must bear the Olympic emblem of the OCOG.
2. To be valid, all contracts of the OCOG containing any element whatsoever of advertising, including the right or licence to use the emblem or the mascot of the Olympic Games, must be in conformity with the Olympic Charter and must comply with the instructions given by the IOC Executive Board. The same shall apply to contracts relating to the timing equipment, the scoreboards, and to the injection of any identification signal in television programmes. Breaches of these regulations come under the authority of the IOC Executive Board.
3. Any mascot created for the Olympic Games shall be considered to be an Olympic emblem, the design of which must be submitted by the OCOG to the IOC Executive Board for its approval. Such mascot may not be used for commercial purposes in the country of an NOC without the latter's prior written approval.
4. The OCOG shall ensure the protection of the property of the emblem and the mascot of the Olympic Games for the benefit of the IOC, both nationally and internationally. However, the OCOG alone and, after the OCOG has been wound up, the NOC of the host country, may exploit such emblem and mascot, as well as other marks, designs, badges, posters, objects and documents connected with the Olympic Games during their preparation, during their holding and during a period terminating not later than the end of the calendar year during which such Olympic Games are held. Upon the expiry of this period,

all rights in or relating to such emblem, mascot and other marks, designs, badges, posters, objects and documents shall thereafter belong entirely to the IOC. The OCOG and/or the NOC, as the case may be and to the extent necessary, shall act as trustees (in a fiduciary capacity) for the sole benefit of the IOC in this respect.

5. The provisions of this bye-law also apply, mutatis mutandis, to all contracts signed by the organizing committee of an IOC Session or an Olympic Congress.
6. The uniforms of the competitors and of all persons holding an official position may include the flag or Olympic emblem of their NOC or, with the consent of the OCOG, the OCOG Olympic emblem. The IF officials may wear the uniform and the emblem of their federations.
7. The identification on all technical gear, installations and other apparatus, which are neither worn nor used by athletes or other participants at the Olympic Games, including timing equipment and scoreboards, may on no account be larger than 1/10th of the height of the equipment, installation or apparatus in question, and shall not be greater than 10 centimetres high.
8. The word "identification" means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item, appearing not more than once per item.