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1. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

1.1 Algarve Cup is a tournament organized by Portugal, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. All matters regarding the organization of the tournament, such as group settings, invitations, regulations etc., will be dealt with by the organizing nations by mutual agreement.

Co-hosts for the next coming years: 2015 Sweden, 2016 Portugal, 2017 Denmark, 2018 Norway

1.2 The 12 teams invited to Algarve Cup 2015 are: **Portugal - Sweden - Denmark - Norway - Brazil - China - France - Germany - Iceland - Japan - Switzerland - USA**

2. COMPETITION SYSTEM

2.1 The league format shall be used: each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw and none for a defeat.

2.2 The final will be played between the two best classified teams from the first places of the 3 groups.

2.3 The 3rd place will be played by the third best first placed-team against the best second-placed team of the 3 groups.

2.4 The 5th place will be played between the two remaining second-placed teams of the 3 groups.

2.6 The 7th place will be played between the two best third-placed teams of the 3 groups.

2.7 The 9th place will be played between the remaining third-placed teams against the best fourth-placed teams of the 3 groups.

2.8 The 11th place will be played between the remaining teams classified in the fourth place of the 3 groups.

2.9 TIME OF PLAYING

All matches are played in accordance with the Laws of the Game and shall be played in two parts of 45 minutes, separated by an interval of 15 minutes.

In case the final match (March 11th) end with a draw, kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken, in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

2.10 EQUALITY OF POINTS

In case two or more teams have the same number of points after the group matches, the final group classification will be determined through the following criteria and established order:

a) If two teams have the same points in the same group, the one best-placed shall be:

- 1 - The one with more points obtained in matches played against each other;
- 2 - The one with the greatest difference between the goals for and against in all the group matches;
- 3 - The one with more goals scored in all group matches;
- 4 - The one that has the best fair-play ranking in all the group matches;
- 5 - The one with best FIFA ranking.



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b) If two or more teams have the same points in different groups, the one best-placed shall be:

- 1 - The one with the greatest difference between the goals for and against in all the group matches;
- 2 - The one with more goals scored in all group matches;
- 3 - The one that has the best fair-play ranking in all the group matches;
- 6 - The one with best FIFA ranking.

The best number four between the group A, B and C, will be:

- 1 - The one with more points obtained in all group matches;
- 2 - The one with the greatest difference between the goals for and against in all group-matches;
- 3 - The one with more goals scored in all group matches;
- 4 - The one that has the best fair-play ranking in all the group matches;
- 7 - The one with best FIFA ranking.

3. PLAYERS LIST

3. 1. Each team will be composed by a maximum of 23 players.

3. 2. The list of the participating players, containing their name, date of birth, club and number of the shirts used by them during the tournament, shall be sent to the Organisation seven days (February 28th) before the start of the tournament. Changes can be made until the organisational meeting the day before the start of the tournament (March 4th).

3.3. Players must use the same shirt number during all the tournament.

3.4. The teams that bring more than 23 players for the tournament must choose the 23 players that are going to play. During the tournament, only those 23 players can take part on it.

3.5. In case of proven injury or other very important motive, all teams can replace players, during the tournament, as mentioned in the entry form, as long as the organisation is properly informed and accepts the reasons presented.

3.6. On match days, the team sheet must be sent to the Organisation by email at 09:00am at the latest.

4. SUBSTITUTIONS

4.1. In each match, each team is allowed to perform 6 substitutions using 4 stops during the match. However, when the second half starts, each team can only make 3 stops to perform a maximum of 6 substitutions. During each stop, each team can substitute one or more players.

4.2. The substituted player is not allowed to re-enter the field.

4.3. A player who has been sent off by the referee may not be substituted.

4.4. During the match, each team can have at the same time, a maximum of 4 players warming up.



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5. SUBSTITUTIONS BENCH

In each match, each team is allowed to have on the bench a maximum of 12 players and 6 officials. Teams can also have 3 technical seats 5 meters beside the substitutions bench.

6. COLOURS OF THE TEAMS

Every participating team must bring its first kit and reserve kit to Algarve. The kit form must be completed and sent to the organizers in connection with the Entry form.

7. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

It will be FIFA's responsibility to appoint all the referees for the tournament. All match referees, assistant referees and 4th officials, will be appointed by the FIFA Commission present at the Tournament.

8. COMMITTEES

8.1. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Technical Committee, composed by the team administrator/technical director representative of Denmark, Norway, Portugal and Sweden, is totally responsible for the tournament.

8.2. CONTROL AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

8.2.1. The Control and Disciplinary Committee will consist of the heads of delegation from the organising countries: Portugal, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. The committee will deal with the disciplinary meetings during the tournament, in accordance with FIFA regulations.

The Committee will be convened by the Chairman or any other member.

The committee shall deal with protests, disciplinary measures and other matters concerning the tournament which are not mentioned in these regulations.

Members of the committee may not take part in the settlement of matters related to their own Association.

There will be a record of proceedings for all meetings, and a copy will be distributed to all members.

8.2.2. The committee can appoint match observers if it is considered necessary.



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8.3. REFEREES COMMITTEE

8.3.1. A Referees Committee shall be appointed and shall consist of:

- 1 representative of the Nordic countries
- 1 representative of Portugal
- 1 representative of FIFA

9. PROTESTS

Protests regarding the validity of any match, shall be made orally to a member of the Control and Disciplinary Committee, within two hours after the end of the match, and a written confirmation should be delivered until 11pm, in that same day.

The protest shall be analysed promptly and the decision is final.

10. EXPULSIONS

In case of direct expulsion or expulsion caused by two yellow cards in the same match, a player cannot take part in the following match.

The yellow cards shown don't accumulate for the next matches.

11. REFEREES REPORT

After the match, the referee shall deliver a report directly to the Control and Disciplinary Committee venue director of each match, containing information regarding expulsions, cautions or other facts of interest for the committee.

12. MEETING FOR THE TEAMS' OFFICIALS

Meetings for all the teams' Head of Delegation shall be arranged if it is considered necessary by the committee.

13. MATTERS RELATED TO THE ORGANISATION

13.1. In each match, the flags of the two participating countries, the FIFA and the FIFA Fair-Play flags shall be raised.

13.2. Venues shall be selected so that the travelling time does not exceed more than one hour from the hotel.

13.3. The exchange of small gifts between players and team officials will be allowed at each match.

13.4. A technical meeting will take place on the day before the first match, where all representatives of the participating teams must be present, bringing their team's kit colours, player's lists etc.

13.5. A press conference will take place on the day before the first match, where all head coaches of the participating teams must be present. The press conference will preferably be held between 12:30am and 2:30pm. The exact time will be sent to the participating team in due time.



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- 13.6.** On the day prior to the final, there will also be a press conference with the coaches and teams captains of the finalist teams.
- 13.7.** Whenever the organisation requires, the coach(es) and/or player(s) should be available to participate in actions, events, interviews and press conferences.
- 13.8.** Each team should appoint one person who speaks English fluently to be responsible for connections between organisation, journalists and the team, regarding all media matters.
- 13.9.** The organising Association may prepare an official reception for the representatives of all the participating teams during the tournament.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating team is responsible for its own insurance coverage.

15. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Each participating Association covers its own expenses such as international travelling, meals and accommodation, local transportations, training pitches etc.

16. ALTERATIONS TO THE REGULATION

Any alteration to this regulation can only be done with the consent of the Control and Disciplinary Committee.

ATTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

BEST PLAYER

This prize will be attributed after the last match of the tournament, according to a voting made by the Technical Committee.

FAIR PLAY TEAM

This prize will be attributed according to the sum of the votes given in each match by the refereeing squad, always bearing in mind the number of cards shown and the behaviour of the team and officials on the substitutions bench. In case there are two or more teams in the same situation, the prize will be attributed to the team whose players have the lowest age average.