



**REGULATIONS OF THE MTN ELITE TWO  
PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**2024/2025 SEASON**

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# **TITLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

## **CHAPTER 1: DENOMINATION, ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Article 1: Denomination**

1.1. FECAFOOT shall organise a Championship herein referred to as the "MTN Elite TWO Championship" or the "Professional Championship" or the "Championship".

1.2. The Championship for the 2024/2025 season shall be played in two phases. The first phase, known as the regular phase, shall be played in two legs (away and home) with seventeen (17) clubs divided into two (02) pools A and B of nine (09) and (08) clubs each. And a second phase known as the play-offs, which shall be played in one-way, play-off up and play-off down.

### **Article 2: Organisation and administration**

2.1. The Executive Committee of FECAFOOT and the Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall be responsible, respectively, for the organisation and administration of the Professional Championship.

2.2. The Executive Committee and the Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall delegate the organisation of the Championship to the Conseil Transitoire du Football Professionnel (CTFP) and its General Secretariat.

## **CHAPTER 2: TROPHY, PERFORMANCE BONUS AND OTHER AWARDS**

### **Article 3: Trophy**

3.1. An artifact, property of the Federation, shall be presented to the champion after the last day of the Championship. This club shall have custody of the artifact for one year.

3.2 It must be returned to the headquarters of the Federation by the title-holder at its own expense and risk at the end of the first leg of the following season. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary sanctions by the Homologation and Disciplinary Committee of the Federation.

- 3.3. In addition to the above, a performance bonus will be awarded to the champion.

- 3.4. Clubs ranked second, third and fourth will also receive a performance bonus.

- 3.5. The amounts of the performance bonuses referred to in the above paragraphs shall be fixed by a resolution of the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT.

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#### **Article 4: Other awards**

4.1. FECAFOOT reserves the right to award other prizes to clubs, players and managers at the end of the Championship as follows:

- - Fair Play Club Award ;
- - Best player of the Championship award ;
- - Top scorer of the Championship award
- - Best Coach of the Championship award;
- - Best goalkeeper of the Championship award
- - Best referee award;
- - Award for the revelation of the championship..

4.2. The nature of and procedures for granting the awards referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be defined by a resolution of the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT.

#### **CHAPTER 3: DESIGNATION OF THE MTN ELITE TWO CHAMPION, RELEGATION TO THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

##### **Article 5: Designation of the MTN ELITE TWO Champion**

5.1. The MTN Elite Two Championship for the 2024-2025 season shall be played in two phases: a regular round-trip phase comprising two pools of nine (9) and (8) teams and a final phase, also known as the Play-Offs Up, in a one-way leg.

5.2. The Play-off Up shall be played in a single pool of eight clubs between the clubs ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in each pool. At the end of this phase, the club ranked first shall be designated as the MTN Elite Two champion.

5.3. Clubs ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are admitted to the Elite One Championship for the 2025/2026 sports season.

5.4. The matches referred to in paragraph 2 above shall be played on a pitch chosen by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT. The duration of the match shall be 90 minutes divided into two halves of 45 minutes each.

##### **Article 6: Relegation to the Regional Championship**

6.1. The MTN Elite Two Championship for the 2024-2025 season shall be divided into two phases: a regular round-trip phase comprising two pools of nine (9) and eight (8) teams and a final phase known as the Play-Offs Down in a one way leg.

6.2 At the end of the Championship, five clubs shall be relegated to the Regional Championship. Two (02) at the end of the regular phase and three (03) at the end of the Play-Offs Down.

6.3. Clubs ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in pool A and 8<sup>th</sup> in pool B shall be automatically relegated to the Regional Championship at the end of the regular phase.

6.4. The Play-off Down shall be played in a one way leg in a single pool of seven (07) between the clubs ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the 9-team pool, and those ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 8-team pool. At the end of the Play-off Down, the clubs ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> shall be relegated to the Regional Championship.

6.5. Clubs ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> shall be maintained in MTN Elite Two.

6.6. Where applicable, the club(s) relegated as a result of a decision by an Independent Committee, a court of arbitration or any other body. The club(s) concerned shall automatically be relegated to the last position in the overall ranking.

6.7. The club(s) referred to in paragraph 6 above shall automatically be included in the quota of clubs referred to in paragraph 2 of this article and the official ranking shall be established accordingly.

#### **CHAPTER 4: REGISTRATION PERIODS, LICENCES-QUALIFICATIONS, RANKING AND FOREIGN PLAYERS**

##### **Article 7: Registration periods**

Registration periods are those communicated by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT before the start of the sporting season.

##### **Article 8: Licences-Qualification**

8.1. The provisions of the General Regulations of FECAFOOT shall fully apply to the Championship.

8.2. Players, managers and coaches shall be qualified in accordance with the provisions of the General Regulations of FECAFOOT and the Regulations governing the Status and Transfer of Players between FECAFOOT affiliated clubs.

8.3. Players and managers may not take part in the Championship if their licences have not been registered during the registration periods referred to in Article 8 above.

8.4. Coaches must be holders of a licence issued by the National Technical Department (DTN) or a professional licence and the licence of the employing club.

8.5. The maximum number of players authorised per club is thirty-five (35) per registration period.

8.6. Violation of the provisions of any of the above paragraphs shall entail one of the sanctions provided for in the Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT.



## **Article 9: Annuality of the Licence**

The licence is annual. It must be renewed at the beginning of each season in accordance with the conditions laid down by the regulations in force.

## **Article 10: Upgrading players**

10.1. Any club is authorised to upgrade an unlimited number of cadet players under the following conditions:

- a) - The club must enrol a team in the cadet national championship;
- b) - The club referred to in paragraph (a) above must participate in the Cadet National Championship;
- c) - A request for an upgrade must be addressed to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT ;
- d) Upgrading must comply with the provisions of the General Regulations of FECAFOOT ;
- e) - In addition to payment of the licence fee for the "cadet" category, an upgrading fee equivalent to the cost of the senior licence shall be required to issue a licence for the upgraded player;
- f) - There is no limit to the number of upgraded players used during a match;

10.2. A cadet player may only be admitted to take part in the Championship on the prior, reasoned advice of a doctor approved by the Federation, who will grant the double upgrade after a full medical check-up on the one hand, and on condition that his club has registered a team and that this team is taking part in the national championship for this category on the other hand.

10.3. Junior players are exempted from upgrading. The cost of their licence is equivalent to that of a senior player.

10.4. The call-up of upgraded cadet players and junior players to their respective national teams, regardless of their number, does not entail in the postponement of the matches of their clubs.

10.5. Calling up more than (03) senior players to a national team may result in a match being postponed if the club so requests.

## **Article 11: Recruitment of foreign players**

11.1. A club may not recruit more than five (05) foreign players.

11.2. Players who are nationals of countries in the CEMAC zone are not considered as foreigners.

11.3. There shall no limitation to the number of foreign players used in a match.

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## **CHAPTER 5 : LOAN OF PLAYERS, PLAYERS ON CONTRACT AND COACHING CONTRACT**

### **Article 12: Loan of players**

12.1. Only players on contract may be loaned out.

12.2 A professional player may only be loaned to another club on the basis of a written agreement between the clubs concerned and with the player's consent.

12.3. The minimum loan period must comply with the timeframe between two registration periods.

12.4. The loan documents may only be sent to FECAFOOT during the two registration periods referred to in article 7 above. This file must include :

- the application for the new licence ;
- the loan agreement between the player and the concerned clubs;

12.5. Any player on contract may only be loaned to one club during the current season.

12.6. The number of players loaned or borrowed may not exceed seven (07) per club during the same season.

### **Article 13: Professional player contract**

13.1. Clubs are bound to conclude professional players' contracts with all the players of their teams.

13.2 Any extension of a contract must be subject of an amendment agreed between the parties and submitted to FECAFOOT for approval.

13.3. Contracts for underage players must be signed by the father, mother or legal guardian.

13.4. Contracts, signed by the parties in four (04) copies on forms provided by FECAFOOT, shall be filed as follows :


- Two (02) copies shall be kept by the parties as soon as they are signed, one (01) copy for each party;
- Two (02) copies signed by the parties shall be sent to the FECAFOOT General Secretariat for homologation.

In the event of a dispute, the copies approved by the Players' Status Committee of FECAFOOT shall prevail.

13.5. Only players on contract may be the subject to a transfer following the approval of the concerned player and the club to which he belongs. This agreement must be evidenced by a transfer agreement submitted to the General Secretariat of FECAFOOT. All material and financial terms must be included in this agreement.

13.6. Foreign players shall be required to sign a contract on the terms set out in paragraph 1.

13.7. The minimum monthly remuneration of players on contract agreed by the parties shall not be less than seventy-five Thousand (75,000) CFA Francs.

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## **Article 14: Coaching contract**

14.1. Clubs participating in the Professional Championship shall be required to sign a contract with a head coach, an assistant coach, a coach in charge of goalkeeper training and a fitness coach holding all bearers of licences issued by FECAFOOT. Coaches must show proof of membership of the trade union recognised by the Federation.

14.2. Any extension of contract must be the subject of an amendment agreed by both parties and submitted to FECAFOOT for approval.

14.3. Contracts, signed by the parties in four (04) copies on forms provided by FECAFOOT, shall be filed as follows:

- two (02) copies shall be kept by the parties as soon as they are signed, one (01) copy for each party;
- two (02) copies signed by the parties shall be sent to the General Secretariat of FECAFOOT for homologation. In the event of a dispute, the copies approved by the Players' Status Committee shall prevail.

14.5 The minimum monthly salary for the head coach shall not be less than **One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (150,000) CFA francs** and that of the other members of the technical staff shall be agreed upon by the parties.

## **Article 15: Regulatory aspects of contracts during the COVID-19 pandemic**

15.1 In accordance with the provisions of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and FIFA directives, the disruption of football activities by COVID-19 is a case of force majeure which has an impact on contractual relations resulting to the need for temporary modifications or derogations to protect the said contracts.

15.2. The guiding principles proposed by FIFA stipulate that, generally all employment contracts shall be governed by national legislation and the contractual autonomy of the parties.

15.3. That said, and in order to be consistent with article 18 paragraph 2 of the FIFA Regulations on the status of player transfer, it is suggested that :

- a) If an agreement is due to expire on the scheduled end date of a season, the expiry date of said agreement be postponed to the new end date of the season;
- b) If an agreement is due to commence on the scheduled start date of a season, the agreement will not come into force until the new season start date;
- c) In the event of an overlap of seasons and/or registration periods, and unless the parties agree otherwise, priority shall be given to the former club for the player to complete his season with his original team in order to preserve the integrity of national championships, competitions of member associations and continental competitions.

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## CHAPTER 6: OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLUBS

### Article 16: Obligations of clubs

16.1. Clubs participating in the Professional Championship shall undertake to:

- ✓ comply with the statutes, regulations, directives, circulars and decisions of FIFA, CAF and FECAFOOT;
- ✓ comply with the health protocol issued by FECAFOOT concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, including: the compulsory wearing of masks and compliance with barrier measures during pre-match meetings, in dressing rooms, on the bench and in the grandstands for managers and officials; carry out COVID-19 tests on all players and members of the technical and managerial staff in accordance with the regulations in force for the duration of the championship; treat those who test positive or quarantine those who have been in contact with the virus;
- ✓ take part in all the matches of the Championship and the Cameroon Cup for which they are scheduled, notwithstanding the existence or the possibility of a dispute of any nature that has not yet been submitted to an independent committee;
- ✓ have their own registered office, a post office box, a functional telephone line and an electronic mail address. Documents proving the existence of these means of communication must be submitted along with the registration form for the Championship;
- ✓ have an Administrative Secretary or a full-time General Manager working for the club. The work contract binding the Administrative Secretary or General Manager to the club must be part of the registration file for the Championship;
- ✓ hold a General Meeting before the beginning of the season; the minutes of which must be part of the entry form;
- ✓ have a financial organisation with a detailed statement of income and a detailed statement of expenditure. Expenditure and income must be justified. There must be a clear segregation of duties between the person responsible for authorising expenditure and the person responsible for implementing it;
- ✓ open a bank account in the name of the club in a first class bank in Cameroon;
- ✓ have sufficient financial resources;
- ✓ have a permanent training ground;
- ✓ have a qualified head coach and assistant coaches bearers of valid licences issued by FECAFOOT;
- ✓ hire the services of a doctor and a physiotherapist;
- ✓ have a minimum of sixteen (16) and a maximum of thirty-five (35) players on contract (including seniors, juniors or upgraded cadets);
- ✓ Sign work contracts for professional players with all players taking part in the Championship;

- ✓ Provide a certificate attesting participation in the previous season's National Youth Championship (U-15 and U-17) issued by the Youth Football League of Cameroon;
- ✓ Enrol and participate in the National Youth Championship (U-15 and U-17) and/or the Women's Championship under the conditions defined by the rules of this competition as this is mandatory.
- ✓ subscribe to an Individual Accident (IA) insurance policy for its players, coaches and managers, covering shuttles between home and the training ground as well as during the club's official training sessions;
- ✓ subscribe to a Professional Civil Liability (RCP) insurance policy for the club;
- ✓ submit players to a medical check-up in accordance with the protocol established by the Sport Medicine Committee of FECAFOOT;
- ✓ provide the members of their management bodies with a Club Executive Licence delivered by the Federation. Each club shall be entitled to a minimum of five (05) executive licences and a maximum of fifteen (15). Failure to comply with this minimum number shall result in the application of the sanction provided for in the Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT;
- ✓ provide a registration certificate for the club with the CNPS and the Trade Register;
- ✓ produce the club's Unique Identification Number (NIU);
- ✓ comply with the Marketing Charter of FECAFOOT.

16.2. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of paragraph 1 above may result in the non-acceptance of the application.

### **Article 17: Responsibility of Clubs**

17.1. Any club participating in the Championship shall be accountable to FECAFOOT for the actions of its members and supporters. Such club shall take the necessary measures to ensure good order and safety before, during and after matches.

17.2. Any club in the championship that receives direct or indirect benefit from the actions of its supporters, friends or third parties of any kind shall be answerable to the Federation for actions performed by such parties and in contradiction with the bylaws of the Federation, unless the club can provide evidence of opposition to such actions and that no benefit was derived.

17.3. Supporting documents for salary and equipment subvention shall be submitted by clubs taking part in the Championship by the 10th of the month at the latest.

17.4. The sanctions provided for in the Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT shall apply to any infringement of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above.

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## **CHAPTER 7: TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR MATCH OFFICIALS AND CLUBS**

### **Article 18: Travel Expenses for match Officials**

18.1. The travel expenses of match officials shall be borne by FECAFOOT.

18.2. If a match is postponed, the match officials shall receive compensation.

18.3. FECAFOOT shall pay compensation to match officials who travelled to matches which are postponed or interrupted as a result of force majeure.

### **Article 19: Travel expenses for Clubs**

19.1. The full cost for travel and subsistence shall be borne by each club participating in the championship.

19.2 However, if a match is postponed, delayed or rescheduled for reasons beyond the control of the clubs, travel and/or subsistence expenses incurred shall be refunded as follows:

- If the match is postponed, rescheduled or cancelled, all costs incurred by the concerned clubs shall be fully refunded by the federation upon presentation of supporting documents;
- If the match is postponed, only the additional costs relating to this match shall be fully refunded by the federation, upon presentation of supporting documents .

## **CHAPTER 8: PROHIBITION TO REFER CASES BEFORE ORDINARY TRIBUNALS, DOPING**

### **Article 20: Prohibition to refer cases before ordinary tribunals**

In accordance with the statutes of FECAFOOT, clubs, players, managers, coaches and match officials in the championship shall not refer their disputes to ordinary tribunals. They shall have recourse only to the judicial bodies of FECAFOOT, until all internal appeals of FECAFOOT are exhausted.

### **Article 21: Doping**

21.1 Doping is prohibited. FECAFOOT shall inform the clubs participating in the Championship of doping control procedures and prohibited substances by means of a circular letter.

21.2 For all doping related matters, the FIFA Regulations apply fully. In the event of discrepancies between national regulations and the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations shall prevail.

21.3. The Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT, the FIFA Doping Control Regulations and other FIFA directives in force shall apply to the Championship in the event of a violation of the doping regulations.

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## **CHAPTER 9: COMMERCIAL RIGHTS, STADIUM REVENUE, ADVERTISING AND BROADCASTING RIGHTS**

### **Article 22: Commercial rights**

22.1. FECAFOOT shall own and manage all commercial rights relating to the Championship.

22.2. Commercial guidelines governing all commercial rights for the competition shall be published by FECAFOOT at a later date. All participating clubs must comply with these commercial guidelines and ensure that they are also observed by their members, managers, players, delegates and other affiliates. Failure to do so shall result to sanctions from the Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Committee.

22.3. The commercial guidelines set out above shall be the subject of a marketing charter to be agreed between FECAFOOT and the professional clubs.

### **Article 23: Revenue from stadiums, advertising and broadcasting rights**

23.1 For the duration of the Championship, the revenue shall consist of ticket sales for all official matches and income generated from broadcasting rights and advertising in and around the stadium.

23.2 Television and radio broadcasting rights, as well as income from advertising inside and outside the stadiums and from the use of commercial symbols, shall be governed by separate contracts freely negotiated between FECAFOOT and commercial partners for one or more successive seasons.

23.3. FECAFOOT shall distribute part of the revenue from the rights referred to in paragraph 2 to the clubs participating in the competition.

## **SECTION II: RULES GOVERNING THE ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF MATCHES**

### **CHAPTER 10: PARTICIPATION, ENROLMENT AND COLOURS OF CLUBS**

#### **Article 24: Participation**

24.1. The following are qualified to compete in the MTN ELITE TWO Championship for the 2024/2025 season:

- a) Clubs relegated from the MTN Elite One Championship in the 2023/2024 season,
- b) Clubs that participated in the MTN Elite Two Championship for the 2023/2024 season and were not relegated to the Regional League;
- c) The two clubs from the 2024 Interpools Tournament;
- d) Clubs promoted or reinstated administratively following a decision by an independent committee, a court of arbitration or any other body.

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24.2. The clubs referred to in paragraph 1 above may only be admitted to the championship if they fulfill the conditions laid down in articles 16 and 25 of these regulations where applicable, those provided for in other relevant instruments of FECAFOOT.

24.3 They may, if they so wish, enrol a reserve team constituted under the conditions laid down by the General Regulations of FECAFOOT.

#### **Article 25: Enrolment**

25.1. Each club admitted to the championship shall submit the following documents to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT:

- ✓ An enrolment form issued by FECAFOOT, duly filled, signed and stamped by the president/secretary general of the club,
- ✓ The registration fees of the Championship;
- ✓ The registration fees of the Cup of Cameroon;
- ✓ The Licence fees for senior players as well as junior and cadet upgraded players ;
- ✓ The Licence fees for the executive and staff ;
- ✓ The minutes of its Annual General Assembly. This shall contain specifically the composition of its executive body (the names and addresses of its members). Such members must be of legal age;
- ✓ The estimated budget for the 2024-2025 season ;
- ✓ The statutes of the club adopted by its General Assembly;
- ✓ The legal instruments of the Company formed within the club ;
- ✓ The convention between the club and the company approved by FECAFOOT ;
- ✓ An extract from the company's trade register and a valid business licence;
- ✓ The financial statement for the 2023-2024 season certified by a chartered accountant;
- ✓ The certificate of ownership or rent contract for the club's head office ;
- ✓ Proof that the post office box charges have actually been paid on behalf of the club;
- ✓ The club's own e-mail address ;
- ✓ A plan of the club's training ground;
- ✓ The club's traditional colours;
- ✓ Contracts binding the Head Coach and Assistant Coaches to the club;
- ✓ The contract binding the Administrative Secretary or General Manager to the club;
- ✓ The club's CNPS number ;
- ✓ An individual accident insurance (IA) policy for players and staff;
- ✓ Professional indemnity insurance for the club;
- ✓ The Unique Identification Number (UIN);
- ✓ Approval issued by Ministry of Sports and Physical Education ;
- ✓ Supporting documents of the payment of players' and staff salaries for the 2023-2024 season;
- ✓ A receipt of payment of the sum of 500 000 (Five hundred thousands) FCFA representing the enrolment fee to the competition;
- ✓ A copy of the club's National Licence, if applicable.

25.2. The amounts for the licence fees and enrolment fees for the Cup of Cameroon referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be determined by the Financial Regulations of FECAFOOT;

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25.3. The enrolment fee for the Elite Two Professional Championship is set at 500,000 (Five Hundred Thousand) CFA francs;

25.4. Applications from clubs submitted after the deadline set by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall not be accepted.

25.5. Applications from clubs that do not have sixteen (16) players' licences by the date communicated by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall equally not be accepted;

25.6. Except in cases of force majeure duly established by the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT, clubs cancelling their enrolment before the start of the competition shall be liable to a fine of FCFA 1,500,000 (one million five hundred thousands).

25.7. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of paragraph 1 above may result in the application being declared non acceptable.

### **Article 26: Colours of Clubs**

26.1 Players taking part in matches of the championship must wear shirts of the colours of their club. These colours must be declared and communicated to the FECAFOOT General Secretariat before the start of the season.

26.2. The home club shall play in the colours declared at the start of the season. If the colours of the clubs involved are identical or confusing, the visiting club must change shirts.

26.3. On a neutral ground, in the event of a clash of declared colours, a draw shall determine which club must change jerseys.

26.4. If the Federation has signed a contract with an industrial or commercial company, the clubs that have accepted in writing the consideration offered by that company shall be obliged to have their players wear the shirts and, if applicable, the tracksuits and shorts supplied by the Federation and/or bearing the label of that company, under the conditions stipulated in the contract.

26.5, Non-compliance with the provisions of paragraph 4 above is punishable by exclusion from all competitions organised by FECAFOOT and its Leagues for a maximum period of two (02) years.

### **CHAPTER 11: SYSTEM OF THE COMPETITION**

#### **Article 27: Laws of the game, ranking and loss of a match by penalty**

27.1. All matches in the Championship shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as promulgated by the International Football Association Board.

27.2. The clubs shall play against each other in two legs. Each match shall last 90 minutes, i.e. two periods of 45 minutes separated by a break of 15-minutes .

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27.3. For all matches played on pitches chosen by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT, the provisions of articles 5 al 4 and 6 al 5 shall apply.

27.4. The dates and kick-off times of matches shall be fixed by FECAFOOT such that each team is given a rest period of at least 48 hours between the two matches.

27.5. The ranking is based on the addition of points:

- Match won: 3 points ;
- Draw: 1 point;
- Match lost: 0 points.

27.6. A match lost by forfeiture is deemed to have been lost by three goals to nil.

27.7. If a match is lost by penalty, the following provisions shall apply: if a club wins on the pitch and is declared the winner by penalty, it scores 3 points and retains the advantage of goals scored, whereas the penalised club scores 0 points, 0 goals for, goals conceded against ;

a) if a club loses on the pitch and wins by penalty, it scores 3 points, 0 goals scored and 0 goals conceded, while the penalised club scores 0 points, 0 goals scored and 0 goals conceded;

b) if there is a draw, the club that wins by penalty scores 3 points and keeps the benefit of the goals if there are any, while the penalised club scores 0 points, 0 goals for and the goals conceded, if there are any, against;

c) if a club loses on the pitch and is declared defeated by a penalty, it loses 3 points on its overall ranking, scores 0 goals for and the goals conceded against.

27.8. In the case of a penalty resulting from the FECAFOOT Disciplinary Code, the following provisions shall apply:

a) if a club was leading the score when the match was interrupted and is declared the winner by penalty, it shall scores 3 points and retains the advantage of the goals scored at the time of the interruption, while the penalised club scores 0 points, 0 goals for, goals conceded against;

b) if there was a draw at the time of the interruption, the club that wins by penalty scores 3 points and keeps the benefit of the goals if there are any, whereas the penalised club scores 0 points, 0 goals for and the goals conceded, if there are any against.

### **Article 28: Tie between two or more clubs**

28.1. In the event of a tie on points between two or more clubs, the ranking of these teams shall be determined as follows:

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- a) their individual goal difference. The goal difference here shall be the scores achieved by each of the concerned clubs in matches opposing them during this competition;
- b) the best attack resulting from the ranking referred to in paragraph (a) above;
- c) the best defense resulting from the ranking referred to in paragraph (a) above;
- d) the number of red cards conceded by each team only in matches between the clubs referred to in par. 1a above; the team with the least number of red cards shall be ranked ahead of the others;
- e) the number of yellow cards conceded by each team only in matches between the clubs referred to in paragraph 1a above; the team with the least number yellow cards shall be ranked ahead of the others.
- f) If the tie still persists, the lowest total of disciplinary points shall be taken into account, based solely on the yellow and red cards conceded by the players and team officials during all the group matches (direct red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, expulsion for two yellow cards during a match = 2 points, yellow card and direct red card = 4 points).

28.2. If none of the above criteria can be used to break the tie, a draw shall be organised.

### **Article 29: Exclusion from the Championship**

If during the competition a club is excluded from the Championship or declared general forfeit by a judicial body, the court of arbitration or any other body, it shall be ranked last and the provisions of article 29 B of the Disciplinary Code and article 130 of the General Regulations of FECAFOOT shall apply.

### **Article 30: Homologation of Matches**

30.1. If the officials' reports do not reveal any violation of the Statutes, Codes, Regulations, decisions and directives of FECAFOOT, the homologation of a match of the Championship shall be rightfully done by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT.

30.2. In the above-mentioned case, a homologation note from the Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall state the results obtained on the pitch and establish the official ranking of the clubs both throughout and at the end of each stage of the competition.

30.3. If violation of the Statutes, Codes, Regulations, decisions and directives of FECAFOOT is noted, the Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Committee shall take a decision within a minimum period of 14 days.

### **Article 31: Calendar**

31.1. The calendar shall be established by the FECAFOOT General Secretariat and validated by the FECAFOOT Executive Committee.

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31.2. However, in order to ensure the sporting regularity of the competition, the Secretary General of FECAFOOT, if he deems it appropriate, may chose to postpone or forward any match day of the championship during the season.

31.3. When, for a very exceptional reason and at the discretion of the Secretary General of FECAFOOT, a club subsequently requests the reversal of a match, the request may only be considered if it is made at least fifteen (15) days before the date fixed for the match and is accompanied by the approval of the opposing club.

31.4. When, for a very exceptional reason and at the discretion of the Secretary General of FECAFOOT, a club subsequently requests for a change of date, the request may only be considered if it is made at least five (05) days before the date fixed for the match and is accompanied by the written approval of the opposing club.

31.5. Upon receipt of the requests provided for in paragraphs 3 and 4 above accompanied by supporting documents, the Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall have a period of 48 hours for the reversal request and a period of 24 hours for the change of date request to reach a decision. He shall immediately notify his decision to both parties.

31.6. In case the exceptional event leading to a change of date occurs within a period of time that does not allow the application of the provisions of paragraph 4 above, the Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall take a decision in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 above.

31.7 In case two (02) matches are scheduled on the same pitch, the best ranked team of the Championship shall play the 2nd match, be it at home or away. However, the broadcaster's choice or exceptional scheduling measures of the General Secretary shall prevail over this provision.

## **CHAPTER 12: PITCHES**

### **Article 32: Choice of PITCHES**

32.1. Matches shall be played on pitches selected and approved by FECAFOOT.

32.2. Clubs may only be considered as playing home matches when they do so on facilities located in their Division of origin, otherwise, on pitches located in their Region of origin or, in a neighbouring Region with the prior authorisation of the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT.

### **Article 33: Inadequate pitches - poor visibility and unsafe conditions**

33.1. The referee alone shall be qualified to declare a pitch inadequate. He may take this decision as soon as he arrives in the locality hosting the match. If time permits at that point, he must deploy every effort to inform both clubs of his decision.

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33.2. A match which has not started because of the impracticability of the pitch and/or lack of visibility or unsafe conditions shall be played the following day. If the conditions which led to the postponement persist, the match shall be rescheduled for a later date.

33.3. A match which has started but is interrupted for over 45 minutes due to bad weather and/or lack of visibility or for safety reasons shall be definitively ended by decision of the referee.

33.4 The referee, in the presence of the captains of the two teams and the match commissioner, shall take note of the beginning of the countdown of the interruptions referred to in paragraph 3 above. This countdown may not exceed 45 minutes.

33.5 The following provisions shall therefore apply:

- if the match is ended during the first half or during half-time, it must be replayed the following day. In this case
  - The goals scored in this match are no longer valid;
  - The only players authorised to take part in this match are those entered on the match sheet for the interrupted match and who have were not expelled;
  - The team have the option of replacing the expelled player(s) in the starting XI.
  - The yellow cards shall be maintained
- a) if the match is ended during the second half, the match shall be replayed at a later date to be determined by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT with the same officials. In this case, only the qualified players of the club on the date of the interrupted match shall be authorised to take part in the match. The match shall continue for the remaining time with the score at the time it was stopped.

33.6 If the match is interrupted for security reasons, the referee shall decide whether the conditions for resuming the match have been met. However, the duration of such interruption may not exceed 45 minutes, in which case the match shall be ended.

## **CHAPTER 13 : MATCH OFFICIALS**

### **Article 34: Referees and assistant referees**

34.1. Referees, assistant referees and fourth referees shall be appointed by the Central Committee for Referees at the request of the General Secretary of FECAFOOT. They shall be selected from the list of referees established and validated by FECAFOOT at the beginning of the season. They must have a valid licence.

34.2 If one of the appointed referees is absent, the two clubs may not use this absence as an excuse to refuse to play if there is Federal 2 referee in the stadium with a valid licence.

34.3. If several referees referred to in paragraph (2) above are present, the match commissioner shall refer the matter to the General Secretariat of FECAFOOT for the appointment of a referee after consulting the Central Committee for Referees.

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34.4 If there are no referees as referred to in paragraph (2) above, the match cannot take place.

34.5. If the referee is unable to carry out his duties, he shall be replaced by the 4th referee provided he is a referee. Otherwise, he shall be replaced by the 1<sup>st</sup> assistant referee.

34.6. If the 1<sup>st</sup> assistant referee is unable to carry out his duties, he shall be replaced by the 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant referee, the 4<sup>th</sup> referee becoming the 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant referee.

34.7. If the 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant referee is unable to carry out his duties, he shall be replaced by the 4<sup>th</sup> referee.

34.8. After each match, the referee shall establish and sign an official report which shall be sent to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT within twenty-four (24) hours.

34.9. In his report, the referee must lay down as many details as possible of incidents which took place before, during and after the match, as well as any significant events such as misconduct by players or officials leading to a caution or expulsion and unsporting behaviour by supporters and/or officials or any other person acting on behalf of a club.

### **Article 35: Match commissioner, referee assessor, doctor and match coordinator**

35.1. The Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall appoint a match commissioner for each match from a list established by FECAFOOT.

35.2. If one of the opposing clubs is late, the match commissioner shall decide whether or not the match should be played.

35.3. The match commissioner shall be specifically responsible for ensuring that the rules of the competition are applied and that the matches are properly organised.

35.4. The match commissioner shall agree with the referee on the measures to be taken to ensure that the match is played correctly.

35.5. The match commissioner shall also submit a report containing the following information to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT, Twenty-four (24) hours after the match:

- a) incidents of any kind that may have occurred;
- b) suggestions to prevent recurrence;
- c) his observations on the field and on the facilities.

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35.6. In the absence of the match commissioner, the duties of the later shall automatically be assigned to the referee assessor or the referee, as the case may be.

35.7. If need be, the Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall appoint a Referees' assessor from a list established by FECAFOOT. He shall also submit a report to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT, within twenty-four (24) hours after the match, with the following information:

- a) Incidents of any kind that may have occurred;
- b) Observations on the conduct of referees ;
- c) Marks of Referees.

35.8. The Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall appoint a doctor for each match from a list established by FECAFOOT. The doctor shall submit a report to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT, within twenty-four (24) hours after the match, with the following information:

- a) All incidents that may have occurred within the scope of his responsibility;
- b) Medical reports on injured persons, if applicable;

35.9. For each match, the Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall appoint a Match Coordinator from a list established by FECAFOOT. The Match Coordinator shall ensure the proper preparation of the match in collaboration with the Stadium Coordinator. He shall submit a report to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT, within two hours following the match, with the following information:

- a) Incidents of any kind that may have occurred;
- b) Suggestions to prevent recurrence;
- c) His observations of the playing field and the facilities

## **CHAPTER 14: TECHNICAL MEETING, ARRIVAL AT THE STADIUM, MATCH FORM AND PRESENTATION OF LICENCES**

### **Article 36: Pre-match meeting**

36.1. In strict compliance with the barrier measures and the health protocol issued by the FECAFOOT Medical Committee in relation to the COVID 19 pandemic, a pre-match meeting, chaired by the match commissioner, shall be organised at the venue of the match three hours before the scheduled kick-off time of the match.

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36.2. The following shall attend this meeting where it is mandatory to wear a mask:

- a) The Match commissioner;
- b) The referees' assessor or the 4<sup>th</sup> Referee;
- c) A representative from each club, with a valid licence issued by FECAFOOT ;
- d) The reference doctor of FECAFOOT and/or the Covid-19 doctor appointed for this purpose ;
- e) The Match Coordinator and Stadium Director ;
- f) The representative of the Forces of law and order;

36.3. Club representatives must present valid COVID 19 tests for players and staff, as well as the jerseys their teams will be wearing during the match.

36.4. Any absence from the technical meeting shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred and thousand (100,000) CFA francs for clubs. For the officials, one of the sanctions provided for by the Statutes and Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT shall apply.

36.5. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of the Marketing Charter shall be punishable by a minimum fine of FCFA 50,000 (Fifty Thousand) for clubs. For officials, one of the sanctions provided for in the Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT shall apply.

### **Article 37: Arrival at the stadium**

37.1 Arrivals at the stadium shall be as follows:

- a) For clubs: two hours before the scheduled kick-off time of the match;
- b) For referees and the referee assessor: three hours and fifteen minutes before the scheduled kick-off time of the match;
- c) For the Match Commissioner: three hours and fifteen minutes before the scheduled kick-off time of the match.

37.2. Any late arrival shall be subject to the sanctions provided for by the Disciplinary Code and the Financial Regulations of FECAFOOT.

37.3. Arrivals at the stadium are recorded by the match commissioner and the referee.

### **Article 38: Match sheet**

38.1. The match sheet shall include a maximum of 18 players (11 main players and 7 substitutes) per club. The 11 first names must start the match while the 7 others shall take sit on the reserve bench.

The shirts of players numbered from 1 to 35 must match the numbers on the match sheet. The goalkeeper and captain must be identified.

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38.2. Both clubs must submit the match sheet to the referee and the match coordinator at least 90 minutes before kick-off.

38.3. After the match sheets have been completed, signed and handed to the referee and the Coordinator, and if the match has not yet started, the following instructions must be observed:

- a) If one of the 11 starters is unable to begin the match for one reason or another, he may be replaced by one of the seven substitutes and is then included among the substitute players. However, five substitutions are r remain possible during the match;
- b) If one of the substitutes on the match sheet is unable to take his place for one reason or another, he cannot be replaced.

38.4. Late submission of the sheet or report is punishable by a fine of two hundred thousand (200,000) CFA Francs for clubs and by one of the sanctions provided for in the Statutes and Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT for officials.

38.5. The original match report must be submitted to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT by the match officials within twenty-four (24) hours after the match. Failure to do so, the sanctions provided for in the Disciplinary Code shall apply.

### **Article 39: Presentation of licences**

39.1. The referees shall require the presentation of licences before each match and check the identity of the players. If a player does not present his licence, the referee may prohibit him from appearing on the match sheet and from taking part in the match.

39.2. In case the opposing team makes prior reservations about the participation in the match of the player referred to in paragraph 1 above, and the referee nevertheless allows him to take part in the match, the team of this player shall lose the match by penalty if the said reservations, duly converted into a protest, are deemed valid and justified by the Homologation and Disciplinary Committee of the Federation, but the opponent shall not be awarded the three points.

39.3. A player who does not present his licence may exceptionally take part in the match, provided he is formally identified and that his club pays a penalty equivalent to the cost of his licence against receipt before the beginning of the match. The club is also obliged to present the said licence to the authority responsible for organising the competition within 24 hours after the match for transmission.

39.4. In strict compliance with barrier measures and the health protocol issued by the Medical Committee of FECAFOOT in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, the referring doctor of the match or the covid-19 doctor may ask to be presented of the results of the covid-19 PCR/TDR tests and their conformity.

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## **CHAPTER 15 : BALLS, OCCUPATION OF RESERVE BENCHES, NUMBER OF SUBSTITUTIONS**

### **Article 40: Balls**

40.1. Balls shall be placed around the pitch by FECAFOOT provided that their use is under the control of the referee.

40.2 All balls used in matches must bear the following markings: FIFA Quality PRO, FIFA Quality, IMS - INTERNATIONAL MATCH STANDARD.

40.3. If the ball is damaged at kick-off, goal kick, corner, free kick, penalty kick or throw-in, the replay must be done in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

40.4. The ball may only be replaced during the match with the authorisation of the referee.

### **Article 41: Occupation of the reserve benches**

41.1 1 In strict compliance with barrier measures and the sanitary protocol issued by the FECAFOOT Medical Committee in conjunction with COVID 19, the occupation of the reserve benches by the opposing clubs shall be as follows :

- a) The home club shall occupy the bench at the left of the table of the match commissioner;
- b) The visiting club shall occupy the bench at the right of the table of the match commissioner.

41.2. Only the following persons may occupy the reserve bench, subject to the compulsory wearing of an anti-VOCID-19 mask:

- a) A head coach (A CAF) holder of valid technical and professional licences issued by FECAFOOT ;
- b) An assistant coach (CAF B or Federal A) holder of valid technical and professional licences issued by FECAFOOT;
- c) An assistant goalkeeper coach (diploma or certificate) holder of valid technical and professional licences issued by FECAFOOT;
- d) A physical trainer (diploma or certificate) holder of valid technical and professional licences issued by FECAFOOT;

As far as coaches are concerned, a monitoring committee of the association of coaches recognised by FECAFOOT, in collaboration with the National Technical Department, shall be put in place to ensure the technical team on the reserve bench is duly qualified.

- e) A doctor holder of a valid licence issued by FECAFOOT ;
- f) A physiotherapist holder of a valid licence issued by FECAFOOT;
- g) An kit manager holder of a valid licence issued by FECAFOOT ;

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- h) An team executive holder of a valid licence issued by FECAFOOT;
- i) Substitute players duly registered on the match sheet or substituted players, i.e. a maximum of seven players.

## **CHAPTER 16: NUMBER OF PLAYERS-NUMBER OF SUBSTITUTIONS-RECOVERING INTERRUPTIONS DURING THE GAME**

### **Article 42: Number of players**

42.1. A match shall be played by two teams each consisting of a maximum of eleven (11) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. No match may take place or continue if one of the two teams has less than seven (07) players.

42.2. If a team has less than seven (07) players because one of them has deliberately left the pitch, the referee shall not be obliged to stop game and may allow the advantage. However, the game may not be restarted after the first interruption of the game if the team does not have at least seven (07) players.

42.3. The starting players and substitutes must be designated before the kicks off of the match. However, if a team is obliged to start a match with less than eleven (11) players, only the starting players and late substitutes entered on the match sheet may take part in the match when they arrive.

42.4. a) A regular player who has deliberately left the field of play before kick-off without a valid reason or prior authorisation from the referee shall be sent off for misconduct tending to distort the progress of the match. The concerned club may replace the excluded player by one of the substitutes registered on the match sheet, without prejudice to other sanctions provided for by the Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT.

b) A starting player who has deliberately left the field of play before the kick-off without any valid reason or prior authorisation from the referee and who returns after the kick-off shall be cautioned without prejudice to other sanctions against the concerned player provided for in the Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT on the basis of the report of the referee or match commissioner.

### **Article 43: Number of substitutions**

43.1 In accordance with the temporary amendment to Law 3 decided by the IFAB due to the COVID-19 pandemic in its circular no. 19 of 08 May 2020, each team shall be authorised to use a maximum of five (05) substitutions.

43.2. To avoid unduly disrupting the flow of the match, each team is given a maximum of three opportunities to make substitutions during the match. Substitutions made at half-time are not included in the three opportunities.

43.3. If both teams make a substitution at the same time, they are each considered to be using one of their three substitution opportunities.

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43.4 In the event of concussion or potential concussion, at the end of a three-minute period of assessment on and/or off the pitch, the player must be replaced immediately without the team being outnumbered. This substitution shall be made regardless of the number of substitutions stipulated in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

43.5 A case of heart attack shall be treated same as a concussion.

#### **Article 44: Recovering interruptions during the game**

44.1. The referee shall compensate game interruption caused by the following during each period:

- Substitutions ;
- Assessing injuries and/or transporting injured players off the pitch;
- Deliberate time-wasting manoeuvres ;
- Disciplinary sanctions ;
- Interruptions of a medical order, such as "recovery breaks" (one minute maximum) and "cooling breaks" (90 seconds to 3 minutes);
- Checks and analyses carried out in connection with video-assisted refereeing, where applicable;
- Any other cause, including any significant delay in restarting the game (e.g. the celebration of a goal)

44.2. The above-mentioned refreshment breaks must be agreed after approval by the medical officer in charge at the pre-match meeting.

### **CHAPTER 17: ANTI COVID-19 DEVICE**

#### **Article 45: Testing and quarantine**

45.1. Players, coaches of each team and all officials must undergo COVID-19 tests before each match during the competition within the period of the COVID-19 pandemic. The mandatory TDR or PCR test must be carried out no earlier than 07 days before the match participants enter the stadium. Results must be available three hours before the match, or on the day of the match, whichever comes first. For match participants (i.e. team delegation, match officials, persons designated by FECAFOOT)

45.2. Any player or coach found positive for COVID-19 must be excluded from the rest of the team.

45.3. The decision to quarantine the rest of the team or to allow it to continue in the competition shall not be taken by the club of the player tested positive or by the other clubs, but by the Federation following formal advice from the health authorities.

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45.4. Any player tested positive shall not be able to resume his activities within the club until he has presented a negative TDR OR PCR test.

#### **Article 46: At the stadium**

46. The number of persons admitted to the stadium on match days is that set by the governmental authority, but divided into four zones which must not have any contact with each other, namely: Zone 1 "pitch and handrail" reserved for teams, referees, first-aiders and photographers in limited numbers; Zone 2 "grandstand" reserved for accredited press and officials in limited numbers; Zone 3 "outside stadium" including inside the walls or fences of the enclosure; Zone 4 "supporters" reserved for team supporters within the limits of the authorised quotas».

#### **Article 47: Barrier measures**

47.1. In the bus transporting a team, it shall be mandatory for everyone to wear a mask. In the changing rooms, the distance of 1m between people must also be respected.

47.2. All those who intervene within the pitch area shall wear masks, including substitutes on the reserve benches; only players on the pitch and referees are exempted.

47.3. During the match, balls must be regularly disinfected, physical contact must be limited to play, hugs and hand contact to celebrate goals must be avoided in favour of elbow or foot contact.

47.4. For the ceremonial exit from the changing rooms and entry onto the pitch, the players shall not be accompanied by children as in normal circumstances.

#### **Article 48: Media zones**

48.1. Accredited journalists operating in the "grandstand" area must wear a mask and respect the distance of one (01) meter.

48.2. Only four (04) members i.e two (02) per team (a player and the coach) and a maximum of fifteen (15) journalists shall be admitted to the pre-match and/or post-match press conferences.

48.3. In the mixed zones set up during certain matches, the above-mentioned number is reduced by half for the teams and to a maximum of 10 journalists for the accredited press.

### **CHAPTER 18: EVIDENCE OF ABSENCE - GENERAL FORFEITURE**

#### **Article 49: Evidence of absence**

49.1 If one or both clubs are absent, the referee shall take note fifteen (15) minutes after the kick-off time of the game.

49.2. The referee shall mention the time at which the absence(s) is (are) noticed on the match report.

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### **Article 50: Insufficient number of players and failure to finish a match**

50.1. A club arriving on the field of play with less than seven (07) players to start the match shall be declared forfeit for the match.

50.2 If a club is unable to present its team on the field of play at the appointed time for reasons of force majeure, even though all the necessary arrangements have been made to arrive at the venue in good time, the match commissioner or the referee shall decide if the match can go ahead. In the event of a dispute, the Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Committee shall decide whether or not the match should be replayed.

50.3. Any club that withdraws from the match is considered to have forfeited the match .

### **Article 51: General forfeiture**

51.1. A club declaring or forfeiting a match twice in the course of the season shall be deemed to have general forfeiture and the provisions of article 29B of the Disciplinary Code and article 130 of the General Regulations of FECAFOOT shall apply.

51.2. During the last three (03) days of play of the Championship, a club which has declared forfeit or declared as such, even for the first time, shall be excluded from the competition and considered general forfeiture and the provisions of article 29 B of the Disciplinary Code and article 130 of the General Regulations of FECAFOOT shall apply.

## **CHAPTER 19: COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS**

### **Article 52: Complaints**

52.1. For Complaints about the qualification of players, staff and coaches to follow their course, they must be made on the match sheet before the beginning of the match.

52.2 They must then be endorsed and confirmed in writing and addressed to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT who shall submit them to the Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Committee.

52.3 The Secretary General of FECAFOOT shall publish the list of coaches and the list of eligible players (not exceeding 35) per club on the FECAFOOT website before the beginning of the Championship and after the end of the second registration period.

After this publication, complaints concerning the qualification of players shall no longer be admissible.

52.4. However, clubs shall be obliged to report any irregularities concerning the qualification of players to the organiser. Such reports shall not award points nor the gain of a match to the reporting club.

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52.5. Complaints on technical aspects shall be made on the match report form at the next interruption of the game after the technical fault has been noticed. Such complaints shall be addressed to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT who shall submit them for decision to the Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Committee.

52.6. Any club against which a complaint has been lodged for failure to present a licence must submit all the relevant information for the Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Committee to investigate the complaint, to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT within twenty-four (24) hours following the match.

52.7. In case reservations have been lodged against any player on the grounds of fraud, the licence presumed to be false shall be withheld by the referee who shall forward it directly to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT for transmission to the Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Committee. Mention of this withholding is made on the disciplinary form given to the clubs, indicating the number of the licence, the name(s) of the player(s) in question and the reason for the withholding.

### **Article 53: Appeals**

53.1. Appeals against decisions passed by the Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Committee may be referred to the Appeals Committee of FECAFOOT by any person or legal entity who has an interest.

54.2. Appeals must be submitted in the form and within the time limits laid down in the Disciplinary Code of the Federation, with the exception of decisions taken at first instance concerning disputes arising during the last four rounds of the Championship, for which the appeal must be submitted within 48 hours from the date of notification of this decision.

## **CHAPTER 20: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 54: Revenue**

54.1. Clubs shall receive their shares from gate fees, in accordance with the revenue distribution scale in force.

54.2 If the income permits, penalty fees shall be deducted immediately from the shares of clubs against a receipt. If this is not possible, the corresponding amount must be paid before the next match.

### **Article 55: Financial provisions in the event of a replay**

In the event of a replay, the share of the teams shall be in accordance with the provisions of article 54 above.

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### **SECTION III: TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 56: Scope of anti- COVID 19 measures**

The effects of the provisions of this Regulation concerning the anti-COVID-19 sanitary measures and protocols shall cease immediately the said measures and protocols are lifted by the authorities.

### **SECTION IV: MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 57: Deadlines**

The deadlines set by these regulations are firm deadlines.

#### **Article 58: Cases not provided for**

Cases not provided for in these regulations and the General Regulations of FECAFOOT shall be considered by the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT.

#### **Article 59: Official languages**

These regulations shall be published in French and in English.

In the event of any dispute over the interpretation of the English and French versions, the French version shall prevail.

#### **Article 60: Adoption and entry into force**

These regulations shall take effect from 15 NOV 2024, date of their adoption by the FECAFOOT Executive Committee.

  
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