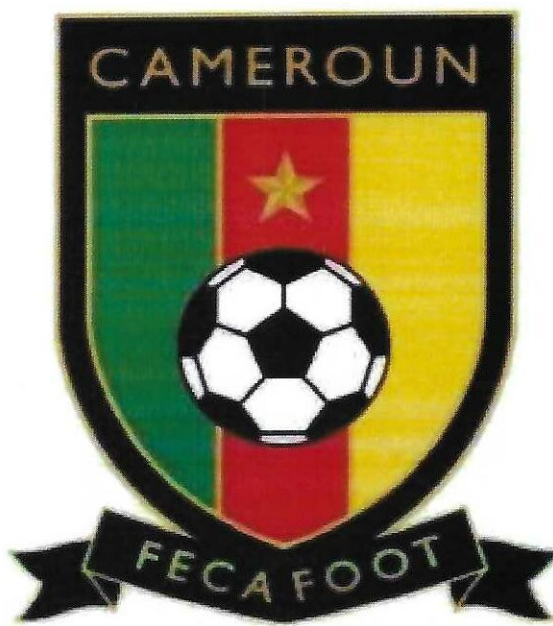




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TITLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 1: NAME, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Article 1: Name and Organization

1. FECAFOOT organizes a competition entitled "Regional Championship," hereinafter referred to as "the Championship."
2. FECAFOOT reserves the right to add the name of a partner sponsor to this name.
3. The Regional Championship is played at the regional level and consists of a maximum of twenty (20) clubs divided into three (03) groups of a maximum of seven (07) clubs, favouring geographical proximity in the composition of the groups where applicable.
4. The Regional Championship is a national competition played in two phases:
 - A preliminary phase;
 - A play-off phase.

Article 2: Structures Responsible for Organization and Administration

1. The Executive Committee and the Secretary General of FECAFOOT are responsible, respectively, for the organization and administration of the Regional Championship.
- 2.2. The Secretary General of FECAFOOT may delegate administration of the preliminary phase and the play-off phase to the Secretary General of the relevant Regional League.

CHAPTER 2: DESIGNATION OF THE REGIONAL CHAMPION – MECHANISM FOR PROMOTION TO THE REGIONAL SUPER LEAGUE AND RELEGATION

Article 3: Designation of the Regional Champion and Promotion to the Regional Super League

1. Designation of the Regional Champion

The club that wins the play-off final is declared Champion of the 2026-2027 sporting season and is directly promoted to the Regional Super League.

2. Promotion to the Regional Super League

The two (02) finalist clubs of the play-offs are directly promoted to the Regional Super League, subject to the mechanism for promotion to and relegation from the Regional Super League.

3. Where applicable, the other club(s) admitted to replace relegated club(s) following administrative decisions rendered by a judicial body of FECAFOOT, CAF, FIFA, or any other body, in the order of merit established by the play-off standings of the relevant sporting season.

Article 4: Relegation to the Departmental Championship

1. For regions with three (03) groups, the three last-placed clubs in each group shall be relegated to the Departmental Championship.

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2. Where applicable, the club(s) relegated or reinstated following a decision rendered by a judicial body of FECAFOOT, an arbitral tribunal, or any other body.
3. Exceptions to paragraphs 1 and 2 above may be granted by the FECAFOOT Executive Committee at the reasoned request of a Regional League.

CHAPTER 3: REGISTRATION PERIODS, QUALIFICATION LICENCES, AGE-GROUP PROMOTION AND FOREIGN PLAYERS

Article 5: Registration Periods

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

Article 6: Qualification Licences

1. Players, officials and coaches must be qualified in accordance with the provisions of the FECAFOOT General Regulations and the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players between Clubs Affiliated with FECAFOOT.
2. Coaches must hold two licences: a technical licence issued by the National Technical Directorate (DTN), and a professional licence issued by the employing club.

Article 7: Annual Nature of the Licence

The licence is issued annually. It must be renewed at the start of each sporting season under the conditions set by the regulations in force.

Article 8: Age-Group Promotion of Players

1. Any club is authorized to promote an unlimited number of Under-17 ("cadet") players under the following conditions:
 - a. The club must field a team in the national Under-17 championship and take part in it;
 - b. A request for age-group promotion must be sent to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT for this purpose;
 - c. Age-group promotion must comply with the provisions of Article 60 of the FECAFOOT General Regulations;
 - d. In addition to payment of the licence fee for the "Under-17" category, an age-group promotion tax equivalent to the cost of the senior licence is required for the issuance of a promoted player's licence;
 - e. The number of promoted players used during a match is not limited;
 - f. Promoted players not used on the senior team are eligible to compete in the National Under-17 Championship.
2. An Under-17 player may only be admitted to participate in the Regional Championship on the prior, reasoned recommendation of a doctor approved by the Federation, who will grant the double age-group promotion after a complete medical examination, and provided that his club has fielded a team in the national championship of that category.

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3. Under-20 ("junior") players are exempt from age-group promotion. The cost of their licence is equivalent to that of a senior player's licence.
4. The call-up of promoted Under-17 players and Under-20 players to their respective national teams, regardless of their number, does not result in the postponement of their club's match.

Article 9: Recruitment of Foreign Players

1. A club may not recruit more than three (03) foreign players.
2. Players who are nationals of CEMAC zone countries are not considered foreign.
3. The number of foreign players used during a match is not limited.

CHAPTER 4: LOAN OF PLAYERS, PLAYERS UNDER CONTRACT, AND COACHING CONTRACTS

Article 10: Loan of Players

10.1. The loan of Regional Championship players is not authorized.

10.2. However, players under an active federal contract may be loaned under the conditions set out in paragraph 3 below:

3. The loan file may only be submitted to FECAFOOT during the registration period referred to in Article 5 above. This file must include:
 - The application for the new licence;
 - The loan agreement between the player and the clubs concerned;
 - The loan memorandum of understanding (where applicable);
4. Any player under a federal contract may be the subject of only one loan, to a single club, for the current sporting season.
5. The number of players loaned out or loaned in may not exceed five (05) per club during the same sporting season.

Article 11: Professional Player Contract

1. Regional Championship clubs are not authorized to enter into professional player contracts.

Article 12: Federal Player Contract

1. Regional Championship clubs are authorized to enter into federal player contracts with a maximum of seven (07) players of their squad.
2. The contract is established for a term running from its effective date until the end of the season, for a maximum duration of two (02) years. Any extension of the contract must be the subject of an amendment agreed by the parties and submitted for approval by the FECAFOOT Players' Status Commission.
3. Contracts of minor players must be signed by the father, the mother, or the legal guardian. In the event of a dispute, the copies approved by the FECAFOOT Players' Status Commission shall prevail.

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4. Contracts, signed by the parties in four (04) copies on forms provided by FECAFOOT, shall be distributed as follows:
5. Two (02) copies are retained by the parties upon signature, one (01) copy for each party;

Two (02) copies signed by the parties are forwarded to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT for approval. In the event of a dispute, the copies approved by the FECAFOOT Players' Status Commission shall prevail.

6. Only players under contract may be transferred, subject to the agreement of the player concerned and the club to which he belongs. This agreement must be formalized by a transfer agreement filed with the FECAFOOT General Secretariat. All material and financial terms must be included in this agreement.
7. Foreign players are required to sign a contract under the conditions referred to in (1) above.
8. The minimum monthly remuneration of contracted players, set by agreement between the parties, may not be lower than the guaranteed minimum wage (SMIG).

Article 13: Coaching Contract

1. Clubs participating in the Championship may sign a contract with a head coach, an assistant coach, a goalkeeping coach and a fitness coach holding diplomas issued by the Federation or their equivalent, and appearing on the lists of such professionals established and published at the start of the season by the FECAFOOT General Secretariat.
2. The contract is then established for a term running from its effective date until the end of the season, for a maximum duration of two (02) years. Any extension of the contract must be the subject of an amendment agreed by the parties and submitted for approval by FECAFOOT.
3. Contracts, signed by the parties in four (04) copies on forms provided by FECAFOOT, shall be distributed as follows:
 - Two (02) copies are retained by the parties upon signature, one (01) copy for each party;
 - Two (02) copies signed by the parties are forwarded to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT for approval. In the event of a dispute, the copies approved by the FECAFOOT Players' Status Commission shall prevail.
4. The minimum monthly salary received by the head coach is set by agreement between the parties and may not be lower than the guaranteed minimum wage (SMIG). The salaries of other members of the technical staff are left to the discretion of the parties.

Article 14: Regulatory Issues Relating to Contracts During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Regulatory issues relating to employment contracts during the COVID-19 pandemic are governed by FIFA guidelines.

14.1. In accordance with the FIFA guidelines issued in April 2020 in the document entitled "COVID-19 Football Regulatory Issues," the disruption of football activities by COVID-19

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constitutes a case of force majeure affecting contractual relationships and requiring temporary amendments or exceptions to protect such contracts.

14.2. As guiding principles proposed by FIFA, it is generally accepted that employment contracts are governed by national legislation and the contractual autonomy of the parties.

14.3. That said, and for the sake of consistency with Article 18(2) of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, it is proposed that:

- Where an agreement is due to expire on the scheduled end date of a season, the expiry of that agreement be postponed to the new end date of the season;
- Where an agreement is due to begin on the scheduled start date of a season, the entry into force of that agreement be postponed to the new start date of the season;
- In the event of an overlap of seasons and/or registration periods, and unless the parties agree otherwise, priority be given to the former club so that it may finish its season with its original team, in order to preserve the integrity of national championships, member association competitions and continental competitions.

CHAPTER 5: OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF CLUBS

Article 15: Obligations of Clubs

1. Clubs participating in the Championship undertake to:

- Comply with the Statutes, Regulations, Decisions, Circulars and Directives of FIFA, CAF and FECAFOOT;
- Release their players for any call-up to a national team, regardless of category, on pain of the sanctions provided for in Article 133 of the FECAFOOT General Regulations;
- Accept that any administrative, disciplinary or refereeing matter concerning the competition shall be settled by FECAFOOT in accordance with its regulations;
- Take part in all Championship and Cameroon Cup matches for which they are scheduled, notwithstanding the existence or possibility of a dispute of any kind not yet brought before an independent Commission;
- Accept the use, recording and dissemination by FECAFOOT of images, names and information relating to their players and officials;
- Respect the principles of fair play;
- Open a bank account in the club's name at a first- or second-tier bank located in Cameroon;
- Have a registered office, a post-office box, an active telephone line, and an email address belonging to the club. Documents proving the existence of these means of communication must be included in the Championship entry file;
- Have an Administrative Secretary or General Manager working full time for the club. The employment contract binding the Administrative Secretary or General Manager to the club must be included in the Championship entry file;

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- Hold a general assembly before the start of the season under the conditions set by the FECAFOOT General Regulations; the minutes of that assembly must be included in the entry file;
 - Have a permanent training ground;
 - Have a trained head coach and assistant coaches holding diplomas issued by FECAFOOT or their equivalent;
 - Have the services of a doctor and a physiotherapist;
 - Submit players to a medical examination in accordance with the protocol defined by the FECAFOOT Sports Medicine Commission;
 - Hold at least eleven (11) player licences;
 - Hold at least eleven (11) player licences in the Under-15 ("minime") and Under-17 ("cadet") categories;
 - Take out professional civil liability insurance (RCP) for the club;
 - Provide the Unique Identification Number (NIU);
 - Enter the Cameroon Cup;
 - Undertake to submit players to a medical examination in accordance with the protocol defined by the FECAFOOT Sports Medicine Commission;
 - Undertake to provide the members of their governing bodies with the technical licence issued by the Federation. Every club is entitled to a minimum of five (05) and a maximum of fifteen (15) official licences. Officials' licences are registered during the registration period provided for in Article 6 above. Failure to comply with this minimum number shall result in the sanction provided for by the FECAFOOT Disciplinary Code.
2. Failure to comply with the provisions of paragraph 1 above shall render the entry application inadmissible.

Article 16: Responsibility of Clubs

1. Any club entered in the Regional Championship is responsible to FECAFOOT for the actions of its licence holders and spectators. It must take the necessary measures to ensure good order and safety before, during and after matches.
2. Any club that habitually accepts, directly or indirectly, the benefit of actions taken in its favour by supporter groups, friends or any other third parties is responsible to the Federation for all acts committed by such groups that are contrary to FECAFOOT's regulations, unless it can prove that it opposed such acts and derived no benefit from them.
3. Every club is responsible to FECAFOOT for the physical set-up of the pitch (goals, nets, markings, etc.) for home matches, as well as for safeguarding the match ball.
4. Any violation of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above shall be punishable by the sanctions provided for by the FECAFOOT Disciplinary Code.

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CHAPTER 6: TRAVEL EXPENSES OF MATCH OFFICIALS AND CLUBS

Article 17: Travel Expenses of Officials

1. The travel expenses of match officials are borne by FECAFOOT.
2. In the event that a match is postponed, match officials shall receive compensatory allowances.
3. Payment of allowances due to match officials who travelled for matches that were postponed or interrupted during the first half due to force majeure shall be made by FECAFOOT.

Article 18: Travel Expenses of Clubs

Every club entered in the Championship shall bear, in full, the transport and accommodation costs related to its travel.

CHAPTER 7: PROHIBITIONS

Article 19: Prohibition on Referral to Ordinary Courts

In accordance with the FECAFOOT Statutes, clubs, players, officials, coaches and match officials of the Championship are not authorized to bring disputes before an ordinary court, but only before FECAFOOT's judicial bodies, until all internal FECAFOOT remedies have been exhausted.

Article 20: Doping

1. Doping is prohibited. FECAFOOT will inform clubs participating in the Championship of doping control procedures and prohibited substances by circular.
2. The FECAFOOT Disciplinary Code, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, and other FIFA guidelines in force apply to the Championship.

CHAPTER 8: COMMERCIAL RIGHTS, GATE, ADVERTISING AND BROADCASTING REVENUE

Article 21: Commercial Rights

1. FECAFOOT owns and manages all commercial rights relating to the Regional Championship.
2. FECAFOOT will publish, at a later date, the commercial guidelines governing all commercial rights for the Regional Championship. All participating clubs must observe these commercial guidelines and ensure they are also respected by their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates, on pain of sanctions imposed by the Regional or Federal Approval and Discipline Commission.

Article 22: Gate, Advertising and Broadcasting Revenue

1. For the Regional Championship, revenue is made up of ticket sales for all official matches and revenue from television, radio broadcasting and advertising rights, both inside and outside stadiums, for the entire duration of the Championship.
2. Television and radio broadcasting rights, on the one hand, and advertising revenue inside and outside stadiums as well as the exploitation of symbols, on the other, shall be the subject of separate contracts freely negotiated between FECAFOOT or the

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relevant regional league and commercial partners, for one or more consecutive seasons.

3. Television, radio broadcasting and advertising rights for the final-phase draw ceremony belong to FECAFOOT. They shall be the subject of separate contracts freely negotiated between FECAFOOT or the relevant regional league and commercial partners.
4. FECAFOOT reserves the right to assign the above-mentioned rights free of charge to regional leagues in order to cover part of the organizational costs of the preliminary phase and the play-off phase.

TITLE II: PRELIMINARY PHASE

CHAPTER 9: PARTICIPATION, ENTRY AND CLUB COLOURS

Article 23: Participation

23.1. All clubs of the Region concerned that were entered for the previous sporting season are eligible to compete in the preliminary phase of the Regional Championship for the current sporting season, with the exception of those promoted to the Regional Super League or relegated to the Departmental League.

23.2. Where applicable, club(s) promoted, relegated or administratively reinstated following a decision rendered by a judicial body of FECAFOOT, an arbitral tribunal, or any other body.

23.3. a) The clubs referred to in paragraph 1 above may only be admitted to participate in the Regional Championship if they meet the conditions set out in Articles 15 and 24 of these Regulations, as well as, where applicable, those set out in special regulations.

- b) Where a club is not eligible to compete in the Regional Championship for the reasons set out in (a) above, the first relegatable club from the previous championship shall be called up first, then the second relegatable club, and finally the third relegatable club. A club may not benefit from such a call-up in two consecutive years.

Article 24: Entry

1. Every club called upon to participate in the Regional Championship must send the Secretary General of the relevant regional league a file including:
 - a. An entry form issued by FECAFOOT, duly completed, signed and stamped within the deadline set above;
 - b. The club's Statutes;
 - c. The club's Internal Regulations;
 - d. The confidentiality declaration form for new clubs;
 - e. A data protection and proper use of the FIFA CONNECT system declaration form, for new clubs;
 - f. The Cameroon Cup entry fee; 







- g. Licence fees for senior and junior players as well as promoted Under-17 players;
 - h. The minutes of its annual general assembly, including in particular the composition of its executive body (name and address of members). Members of this body must be of legal age;
 - i. A form setting out the club's traditional colours;
 - j. A bank account certificate and bank details statement;
 - k. A civil liability insurance policy (RCP for the club);
 - l. The contract binding the head coach to the club (where applicable);
 - m. A site plan of the club's training ground;
 - n. A post-office box and email address belonging to the club.
2. The amounts of the licence fees and entry fees referred to in paragraph 1 above are set by FECAFOOT's financial regulations.
 3. Entry only becomes effective once the Secretary General of the relevant regional league has received proof of payment of the fees referred to in paragraph 1 above.
 4. Club applications submitted after the deadline set by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT are inadmissible.
 5. Applications from clubs that do not hold at least eleven (11) player licences are likewise inadmissible.
 6. Clubs that cancel their entry before the start of the competition shall be fined 250,000 FCFA (two hundred and fifty thousand francs), except in cases of force majeure, which shall be examined by the FECAFOOT General Secretariat.

Article 25: Club Colours

1. Players taking part in a match must be decently dressed in jerseys in their club's colours. These colours must be declared and communicated to the general secretariat of the relevant regional league when the club enters the Championship.
2. The home club plays in its traditional colours declared at the start of the season. Where the traditional colours of the clubs involved are identical or likely to cause confusion, the visiting club must change jerseys.
3. On a neutral ground, in the event of a conflict of traditional colours, a draw shall determine which club must change jerseys.
4. If the Federation or the relevant league has contracted with an industrial or commercial firm, clubs that have accepted in writing the consideration offered by that firm are required to have their players wear the jerseys and, where applicable, the tracksuits and shorts supplied by the Federation or the relevant league, bearing that firm's label, under the conditions set out in the contract.
5. Failure to comply with any of the requirements of paragraph 4 above is punishable by exclusion from all FECAFOOT and league competitions for a maximum period of two (02) years.

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CHAPTER 10: COMPETITION FORMAT

Article 26: Organization

1. The preliminary phase is played in a maximum of four (04) groups within the regions, home and away (where applicable);
2. The maximum number of clubs per group is eight (08).
3. However, before the start of the competition, exceptions to paragraph 2 above may be granted by the FECAFOOT Executive Committee at the reasoned request of a regional league.

Article 27: Laws of the Game, Standings and Loss of Match by Forfeit

1. All matches of the preliminary phase of the Regional Championship are played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force as promulgated by the International Football Association Board.
2. Clubs play each other home and away. Each match lasts 90 minutes, i.e. two 45-minute halves separated by a 15-minute break.
3. Kick-off dates and times are set by the league so as to allow each team a minimum rest period of 48 hours between two matches.
4. Standings are determined by adding up points:
 - Match won: 3 points,
 - Match drawn: 1 point;
 - Match lost: 0 points.
5. A match lost by forfeit is deemed to have been lost by three goals to nil.
6. In the event of loss of a match by forfeit, the following provisions apply:
 - a) If a club wins on the pitch and is declared the winner by forfeit, it scores 3 points and retains the advantage of goals scored, while the penalized club scores 0 points, 0 goals for and the goals conceded against it stand;
 - b) If a club loses on the pitch and wins by forfeit, it scores 3 points, 0 goals scored, 0 goals conceded, while the penalized club scores 0 points, 0 goals scored, 0 goals conceded;
 - c) If the match is a draw, the club that wins by forfeit scores 3 points and retains the benefit of any goals scored, while the penalized club scores 0 points, 0 goals for, and any goals conceded stand against it;
 - d) If a club loses on the pitch and is declared defeated by forfeit, it loses 3 points from its overall standing, scores 0 goals for, and the goals conceded stand against it.
 1. Where the forfeit results from Article 49 of the FECAFOOT Disciplinary Code, the following provisions apply:
 - e) If a club was leading at the time the match was interrupted and is declared the winner by forfeit, it scores 3 points and retains the advantage of goals scored at the time of interruption, while the penalized club scores 0 points, 0 goals for, and the goals conceded stand against it;

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- f) If the match was drawn at the time of interruption, the club that wins by forfeit scores 3 points and retains the benefit of any goals scored, while the penalized club scores 0 points, 0 goals for, and any goals conceded stand against it.

Article 28: Cases of Equality Between Two or More Clubs

28.1. In the event of a points tie between two or more clubs, the standing of the clubs concerned shall take the following into account:

- a) The number of points obtained in matches between the clubs concerned;
- b) Their head-to-head goal difference. The head-to-head goal difference represents the results obtained by each of the clubs concerned in the matches between them, from which a specific ranking of those clubs is established;
- c) The best attacking record resulting from the specific ranking referred to in point (a) above;
- d) The best defensive record resulting from the specific ranking referred to in point (a) above;
- e) The number of red cards recorded by each team exclusively in matches between the clubs referred to in point (a) above; the team with fewer red cards shall be ranked above the others;
- f) The number of yellow cards recorded by each team exclusively in matches between the clubs referred to in point (a) above; the team with fewer yellow cards shall be ranked above the others;
- g) If the tie persists, the lowest total of disciplinary points shall be taken into account, based solely on yellow and red cards received by players and officials of the team throughout all championship matches (direct red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, sending-off for two yellow cards in a match = 2 points, yellow card and direct red card = 4 points);
- h) If none of the above criteria can separate the clubs, a draw shall be held.

28.2. In the event of a tie between two or more teams that have not yet played each other, the standing shall take the following into account:

- a) overall goal average, being the difference between the number of goals scored and the number of goals conceded;
- b) the best attacking record, being the number of goals scored;
- c) the best defensive record, being the number of goals conceded;
- d) if the tie persists, point (g) above applies.

Article 29: Exclusion from the Championship

Where a club is excluded from the "Championship" or declared to have withdrawn entirely by a judicial body of FECAFOOT, an arbitral tribunal or any other body during the competition, it shall be ranked last, and the provisions of Article 29 B of the Disciplinary Code and Article 130 of the General Regulations shall apply.

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Article 30: Match Approval

30.1. Approval of a preliminary-phase match is granted as a matter of right by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT or, by delegation, by the Secretary General of the relevant Regional League, provided the officials' reports show no violation of FECAFOOT's Statutes, Codes, Regulations, decisions or directives.

30.2. In such a case, an approval notice from the Secretary General of FECAFOOT or of the relevant regional league records the results achieved on the pitch and establishes the official standings of clubs throughout and at the end of the various phases of the competition.

30.3. In the event of a violation of FECAFOOT's Statutes, Codes, Regulations, decisions or directives, the Regional Approval and Discipline Commission shall rule within a minimum period of 14 days.

Article 31: Schedule

31.1. The schedule for the preliminary phase, drawn up by the General Secretariat of the relevant Regional League, is approved by that league's Board of Directors. It is forwarded to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT and to the clubs upon approval.

31.2. However, the Secretary General of the relevant Regional League may, during the season, postpone or bring forward any matchday it deems necessary to ensure the sporting integrity of the competition. Such changes must be notified to clubs in writing at least 48 hours in advance. Notification by SMS is not permitted.

31.3. Where, for a wholly exceptional cause falling within the discretion of the Secretary General of the relevant Regional League, a club subsequently needs to request a reversal of home/away order, the request may only be considered if it is submitted at least fifteen (15) days before the scheduled match date, together with the agreement of the opposing club.

31.4. Where, for a wholly exceptional cause falling within the discretion of the Secretary General of the relevant Regional League, a club subsequently needs to request a change of date, the request may only be considered if it is submitted at least five (05) days before the scheduled match date.

31.5. Upon receipt of the requests referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, accompanied by supporting documents, the Secretary General of the relevant Regional League has ten (10) days to rule on a request for reversal of order and 48 hours to rule on a request for a change of date. The decision shall be notified immediately to the parties concerned.

31.6. Where the exceptional event giving rise to a change of date occurs within a period that does not allow for the application of paragraph 4 above, the Secretary General of the relevant Regional League shall rule in accordance with paragraph 2 above.

CHAPTER 11: PITCHES

Article 32: Choice of Pitches

32.1. Home matches are played on pitches declared by the Championship clubs.

32.2. Clubs may only be considered to be playing at home on facilities located in their Department of origin or, failing that, and after prior authorization from the Board of Directors of the Regional League, on pitches located in their Region of origin, or in a neighbouring Region with prior authorization from the FECAFOOT Executive Committee.

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Article 33: Unplayable Pitches – Lack of Visibility and Safety

33.1. The referee alone is qualified to declare a pitch unplayable. He may take this decision as soon as he arrives in the locality where the match is to take place. If there is still time at that point, he must do everything possible to notify both clubs of his decision.

33.2. A match that has not started due to an unplayable pitch and/or lack of visibility or safety shall be played the following day. If the conditions that caused the postponement persist, the match shall be replayed on a later date.

33.3. A match that has started, and during which the interruption lasts more than 45 minutes due to bad weather and/or lack of visibility or safety, shall be definitively stopped by decision of the referee.

33.4. The start of the count of the interruption referred to in paragraph 3 above is recorded by the referee in the presence of both team captains and the Match Commissioner. This count may not exceed 45 minutes.

33.5. The following provisions then apply:

- a) If the match is stopped in the first half or during half-time, it shall be replayed the following day. In this case:
 - Goals scored during that match are no longer valid;
 - Only players registered on the match sheet of the interrupted match who have not been sent off are permitted to take part in the replay;
 - They may replace the player(s) who were sent off in the starting eleven.
 - Yellow cards are carried over.
- b) If it is in the second half, the match shall be replayed on a later date set by the Secretary General of FECAFOOT, with the same officials. In this case, only players qualified for the club at the date of the interrupted match are permitted to take part in this match. The match shall resume for the remaining time, with the score as it stood at the time of the stoppage.

CHAPTER 12: MATCH OFFICIALS

Article 34: Referees and Assistant Referees

34.1. Referees, assistant referees and the fourth official are appointed by the Central Referees Commission or, by delegation, by the Regional Referees Commission at the request of the Secretary General of the relevant Regional League. They are selected from the list of referees drawn up and validated at the start of the season by the President of the Regional League, on the proposal of the Regional Referees Commission. Failure to comply with this procedure is punishable by disciplinary sanctions.

34.2. In the event of the absence of one of the appointed referees, the two clubs may not invoke this absence to refuse to play if a federal or regional referee holding a currently valid licence is present at the stadium.

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 the relevant Regional

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League for the appointment of a referee, after consultation with the Central Referees Commission or, by delegation, the Regional Referees Commission.

34.4. In the absence of a referee as referred to in (2) above, the match may not take place.

34.5. Referees, assistant referees and the fourth official shall, where applicable, receive their official kit and equipment from the relevant regional league. On match days, they must wear exclusively this kit and equipment, failing which one of the sanctions provided for by the FECAFOOT Statutes and Disciplinary Code shall be applied against them by the Regional Approval and Discipline Commission.

34.6. If the referee or one of his assistants is prevented from carrying out his duties, he shall be replaced by the fourth official.

34.7. After each match, the referee shall draw up and sign an official report, which he shall send within 24 hours to the relevant regional secretariat.

34.8. In his report, the referee shall record as much detail as possible on incidents that occurred before, during and after the match, as well as any significant event such as improper conduct by players resulting in a caution or sending-off, and unsporting conduct by supporters and/or officials or any other person acting on behalf of a club.

Article 35: Match Commissioner

1. The Secretary General of the relevant Regional League shall appoint a commissioner for each match.
2. In the event of a delay by one of the clubs present, he shall assess whether the match can be played.
3. The commissioner is specifically responsible for ensuring compliance with the competition regulations and the proper organization of matches.
4. In agreement with the referee, he shall decide on the measures to be taken to ensure the proper conduct of the match.
5. He must also send the Secretary General of the relevant Regional League, within twenty-four (24) hours following the match, a report recording:
 - a. Any incidents of any nature that occurred;
 - b. The measures he suggests to prevent their recurrence;
 - c. His observations on the pitch and facilities;
 - d. The quality of medical and security coverage.
6. In the absence of the commissioner, his duties shall automatically fall to the referee.

CHAPTER 13: TECHNICAL MEETING, ARRIVAL AT THE STADIUM, MATCH SHEET AND PRESENTATION OF LICENCES

Article 36: Technical Meeting

1. A technical meeting, chaired by the Match Commissioner, shall be held at the stadium where the match is to take place, three hours before the scheduled kick-off time.
2. The following must attend this meeting:

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- a. The Match Commissioner;
 - b. The Referee, the Assistant Referees and the fourth official;
 - c. A representative of each club present, holding a currently valid licence issued by FECAFOOT;
 - d. The General Coordinator.
3. Club representatives must present the jerseys their teams will wear during the match.
 4. Any absence from the technical meeting is punishable by a fine of 25,000 francs (twenty-five thousand francs) for clubs, and by one of the sanctions provided for by the FECAFOOT Statutes and Disciplinary Code for officials.

Article 37: Arrival at the Stadium

37.1. Arrival at the stadium shall take place as follows:

- a. For clubs: two hours before the scheduled kick-off time;
 - b. For referees: three hours and fifteen minutes before the scheduled kick-off time;
 - c. For the commissioner: three hours and fifteen minutes before the scheduled kick-off time.
2. Any late arrival is punishable by the sanctions provided for by the FECAFOOT Disciplinary Code.
 3. Arrivals at the stadium are recorded by the match commissioner and the referee.

Article 38: Match Sheet

1. The match sheet must include a maximum of 20 players (11 starters and 9 substitutes) per club. The first 11 named must start the match, and the other 9 sit on the substitutes' bench. The numbers on players' jerseys must correspond to the numbers listed on the match sheet. The goalkeeper and the captain must be identified.
2. Both clubs must submit the match sheet to the referee at least 90 minutes before kick-off.
3. Once the match sheets have been completed, signed and submitted to the referee, and if the match has not yet started, the following instructions must be followed:
 - a. If one of the 11 starters is unable to start the match for any reason, he may be replaced by one of the 9 substitutes and then becomes part of the substitutes. During the match, however, five substitutions will still be possible;
 - b. If one of the substitutes listed on the match sheet is unable to take his place for any reason, he may be replaced.
4. The original match sheet must be sent to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT within twenty-four (24) hours of the match. If not sent within this time, the sanction under Article 99 of the Disciplinary Code applies. 

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Article 39: Presentation of Licences

39.1. Referees shall require the presentation of licences before every match and shall verify the identity of players. If a player fails to present his licence, the referee may prohibit him from being included on the match sheet and from taking part in the match.

39.2. Where the opposing team lodges a prior objection regarding the participation in the match of the player referred to in paragraph 1 above, and the referee nevertheless allows him to take part, that player's team shall lose the match by forfeit if the objection, duly converted into a claim, is deemed valid and well-founded by the Federation's Approval and Discipline Commission.

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

CHAPTER 14: BALLS AND USE OF TECHNICAL AREAS

Article 40: Balls

1. Clubs must each supply a ball in good, regulation condition, on pain of one of the sanctions provided for by the Federation's Statutes and Disciplinary Code.
2. Additional balls may be placed around the pitch by FECAFOOT, provided their use remains under the referee's control.
3. All balls used in matches must bear the following markings: FIFA Quality PRO, FIFA Quality, IMS – INTERNATIONAL MATCH STANDARD.
4. If the ball is damaged at kick-off, a goal kick, a corner, a free kick, a penalty or a throw-in, play shall resume accordingly.
5. The ball may only be replaced during the match with the referee's authorization.

Article 41: Use of Technical Areas

1. In strict compliance with the barrier measures and the health protocol issued by the FECAFOOT Medical Commission in relation to COVID-19, technical areas shall be occupied by the clubs present as follows:
 - a. The home club occupies the technical area to the left of the match commissioner's table;
 - b. The visiting club occupies the technical area to the right of the match commissioner's table.
2. Subject to the mandatory wearing of an anti-COVID-19 mask, only the following persons are permitted to occupy the technical area:
 - a. A head coach holding two licences: a technical licence issued by the National Technical Directorate (DTN), and a currently valid professional licence issued by the employing club;

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- b. An assistant coach holding two licences: a technical licence issued by the National Technical Directorate (DTN), and a currently valid professional licence issued by the employing club;
- c. An assistant coach responsible for goalkeepers, holding two licences: a technical licence issued by the National Technical Directorate (DTN), and a currently valid professional licence issued by the employing club;
- d. A fitness coach holding two licences: a technical licence issued by the National Technical Directorate (DTN), and a currently valid professional licence issued by the employing club; a doctor holding a currently valid licence issued by FECAFOOT;
- e. A physiotherapist holding a currently valid licence issued by FECAFOOT;
- f. An equipment manager holding a currently valid licence issued by FECAFOOT;
- g. An official holding a currently valid licence issued by FECAFOOT;
- h. Substitute players duly listed on the match sheet, or substituted players, up to a maximum of seven players.

CHAPTER 15: NUMBER OF PLAYERS – NUMBER OF SUBSTITUTIONS – ADDED TIME

Article 42: Number of Players

1. Every match is played by two teams, each composed of a maximum of eleven (11) players, one of whom is a goalkeeper. No match may take place or continue if either team has fewer than seven (07) players.
2. If a team is reduced to fewer than seven (07) players because one of them deliberately left the pitch, the referee is not obliged to stop play and may apply advantage. However, play may not resume after the next stoppage if the team does not have at least seven (07) players.
3. Starting and substitute players must be designated before kick-off. However, if a team is forced to start a match with fewer than eleven (11) players, only starting and substitute players listed on the match sheet who arrive late may play the match upon their arrival.
4. A starting player who deliberately leaves the pitch before kick-off without valid reason or the referee's prior authorization must be sent off for improper conduct liable to distort the course of a match. If, in the referee's opinion, the club is complicit in such conduct, the club in question may not replace the player sent off and shall start the match with ten (10) players, without prejudice to other sanctions provided for by the FECAFOOT Disciplinary Code.

Article 43: Number of Substitutions

1. In accordance with the temporary amendment to Law 3 adopted by IFAB due to the COVID-19 pandemic in its Circular No. 19 of 8 May 2020, each team shall be authorized to use a maximum of five substitutions.
2. To avoid excessively disrupting the course of the match, each team shall have a maximum of three opportunities to make substitutions during the match; in addition, these substitutions may be made at half-time.

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3. If both teams make a substitution at the same time, each shall be considered to have used one of their three substitution opportunities.
4. In the event of a confirmed or suspected concussion, following a three-minute assessment period on or off the pitch, the substitution must be made immediately without resulting in the team playing with fewer players. This substitution shall be made independently of the number of substitutions regulated by paragraphs 1 and 2 above.
5. A case of cardiac arrest shall be treated in the same way as a case of concussion.

Article 44: Added Time

The referee shall add time in each half to compensate for time lost due to:

- Substitutions;
- The assessment of injuries and/or the transport of injured players off the pitch;
- Deliberate time-wasting;
- Disciplinary sanctions;
- Stoppages for medical reasons, in particular “recovery breaks” (of one minute maximum) and “cooling breaks” (90 seconds to 3 minutes);
- Checks and reviews carried out as part of video assistant refereeing;
- Any other cause, including any significant delay in restarting play (for example, celebrating a goal).

CHAPTER 16: RECORDED ABSENCES – WITHDRAWALS

Article 45: Recorded Absence

45.1. In the event of the absence of one or both clubs, this shall be recorded by the referee fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled kick-off time.

45.2. The time(s) at which the absence(s) were recorded shall be noted on the match sheet by the referee.

Article 46: Insufficient Number of Players and Match Abandonment

46.1. A club that appears on the pitch with fewer than seven (07) players to start the match shall be declared to have forfeited.

46.2. If a club cannot field its team on the pitch at the scheduled time due to a duly established case of force majeure, and all steps were taken to arrive at the match venue in good time, the commissioner, or failing him, the referee, shall assess whether the match can be played. In the event of a dispute, the Regional Approval and Discipline Commission shall decide whether the match must be replayed.

46.3. Any club that abandons the match shall be considered to have forfeited on the pitch.

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Article 47: General Withdrawal

47.1. A club that declares, or is declared to have, withdrawn twice during the same season shall be considered to have completely withdrawn, with application of the provisions of Article 29 B of the Disciplinary Code and Article 130 of the FECAFOOT General Regulations.

47.2. During the last three (03) matchdays of the preliminary phase of the Regional Championship, a club that declares, or is declared to have, withdrawn, even for the first time, shall be excluded from the championship and considered to have completely withdrawn, with application of the specific provisions of Articles 29 B of the Disciplinary Code and 130 of the FECAFOOT General Regulations.

CHAPTER 17: CLAIMS – APPEALS

Article 48: Claims

48.1. Claims regarding the qualification of players, officials and coaches, made and supported in the manner prescribed by the Federation's General Regulations, shall be addressed to the secretary general of the relevant Regional League, who shall submit them for decision to the Regional Approval and Discipline Commission.

48.2. Claims on technical matters must be made in the manner prescribed by the FECAFOOT General Regulations. They shall be addressed to the secretary general of the Regional League, who shall submit them for decision to the Regional Approval and Discipline Commission.

48.3. Any club subject to an objection made for failure to present a licence must send the secretary general of the Regional League, within the following twenty-four (24) hours, all information necessary for the Regional Approval and Discipline Commission to examine the claim.

48.4. For any player subject to an objection made for fraud, the licence presumed to be false shall be withheld by the referee, who shall send it directly to the secretary general of the regional league for transmission to the Regional Approval and Discipline Commission. Mention of this seizure shall be noted on the disciplinary report given to the clubs, indicating the licence number, the name(s) of the player(s) concerned and the reason for the seizure.

Article 49: Appeals

49.1. An appeal against decisions rendered by the Regional Approval and Discipline Commission may be brought before the FECAFOOT Appeals Commission by any interested natural or legal person.

49.2. Appeals must be submitted in the manner and within the time limits set out in the Federation's Disciplinary Code, except for first-instance decisions concerning disputes arising during the last four matchdays of the preliminary phase of the Championship, for which the appeal must be submitted within forty-eight hours of notification of the decision.

CHAPTER 18: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 50: Revenue

The share of gate revenue allocated to clubs shall follow the revenue-sharing scale in force.

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Article 51: Financial Provisions in the Event of a Replayed Match

In the event of a replayed match, the share of gate revenue due to the teams shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article 50 above.

TITLE III: PLAY-OFF PHASE

CHAPTER 19: ORGANIZATION, PARTICIPATION, ENTRIES AND CLUB COLOURS

Article 52: Structures Responsible for Organization and Administration

The provisions of Article 2 of these Regulations apply.

Article 53: Participation in the Play-offs

Eligible to compete in the play-offs are the clubs finishing 1st and 2nd in each group at the end of the preliminary phase of the Regional Championship.

Article 54: Club Colours

The provisions of Article 25 of these Regulations apply.

CHAPTER 20: COMPETITION FORMAT

Article 55: Play-off Phase

55.1. The clubs finishing 1st and 2nd in each group at the end of the preliminary phase of the Regional Championship play the play-offs in a single leg.

55.2. The play-offs are played by cross knock-out: clubs finishing first play against clubs finishing second, following a draw.

55.3. In the event of a tie at the end of normal time in each match, there shall be extra time; if the tie persists, a penalty shoot-out shall be held directly to determine the winner.

55.4. All knock-out matches are played in accordance with the Laws of the Game in force as promulgated by the International Football Association Board.

55.5. Clubs play each other in a single knock-out match.

55.6. The winner is directly qualified for the next stage of the competition.

55.7. The best loser is directly qualified for the next stage of the competition (where applicable).

55.8. The winner is directly promoted to the Regional Super League. The runner-up of the play-offs is promoted to the Regional Super League, subject to the mechanisms for promotion to and relegation from the Regional Super League.

Article 56: Laws of the Game, Standings and Loss of Match by Forfeit

The provisions of Article 27 of these Regulations apply.

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Article 57: Match Approval

57.1. Approval of a Tournament match is granted as a matter of right by the General Secretariat of the relevant League, provided the officials' reports show no violation of FECAFOOT's Statutes, Codes, Regulations, decisions or directives.

57.2. In the event of a violation of FECAFOOT's Statutes, Codes, Regulations, Decisions or Directives, the Regional Approval and Discipline Commission shall rule within 24 hours of the match.

CHAPTER 21: MATCH OFFICIALS

Article 58: Referees and Assistant Referees

The provisions of Article 34 of these Regulations apply.

Article 59: Match Commissioner

The provisions of Article 35 of these Regulations apply.

CHAPTER 22: TECHNICAL MEETING, ARRIVAL AT THE STADIUM, MATCH SHEET AND PRESENTATION OF LICENCES

Article 60: Technical Meeting

The provisions of Article 36 of these Regulations apply.

Article 61: Arrival at the Stadium

The provisions of Article 37 of these Regulations apply.

Article 62: Match Sheet

The provisions of Article 38 of these Regulations apply.

Article 63: Presentation of Licences

The provisions of Article 39 of these Regulations apply.

CHAPTER 23: BALLS, USE OF TECHNICAL AREAS, NUMBER OF SUBSTITUTIONS

Article 64: Balls

The provisions of Article 40 of these Regulations apply.

Article 65: Use of Technical Areas

The provisions of Article 41 of these Regulations apply.

CHAPTER 24: NUMBER OF PLAYERS – NUMBER OF SUBSTITUTIONS – ADDED TIME

Article 66: Number of Players

The provisions of Article 42 of these Regulations apply.

Article 67: Number of Substitutions

The provisions of Article 43 of these Regulations apply.

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Article 68: Added Time

The provisions of Article 44 of these Regulations apply.

CHAPTER 25: RECORDED ABSENCES – WITHDRAWALS

Article 69: Recorded Absence

The provisions of Article 45 of these Regulations apply.

Article 70: Insufficient Number of Players and Match Abandonment

The provisions of Article 46 of these Regulations apply.

Article 71: General Withdrawal

The provisions of Article 47 of these Regulations apply.

CHAPTER 26: CLAIMS – APPEALS

Article 72: Claims

The provisions of Article 48 of these Regulations apply.

Article 73: Appeals

The provisions of Article 49 of these Regulations apply.

CHAPTER 27: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 74: Revenue

The provisions of Article 50 of these Regulations apply.

Article 75: Financial Provisions in the Event of a Replayed Match

The provisions of Article 51 of these Regulations apply.

TITLE IV: MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 76: Prevention of Multi-Club Ownership and Protection of the Integrity of Competitions

In order to preserve the integrity, independence and fairness of competitions organized by FECAFOOT, no club may be admitted to, or remain in, the same competition where there exists, directly or indirectly, a situation of common ownership, control, management or influence with another entered club that is liable to compromise its sporting independence or to influence the normal conduct of the competition.

Every club is required to declare to FECAFOOT any situation that may fall within this article and to provide, upon first request, the information and documents necessary to verify it.

Where there are serious indications of such a situation, FECAFOOT may impose any necessary precautionary measure, in particular refusal or suspension of a club's qualification, pending a final decision by the competent body.

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Refusal to cooperate, concealment of information or the provision of inaccurate information exposes the club to the administrative and disciplinary measures provided for by FECAFOOT's regulations.

Article 77: Time Limits

Time limits set by these Regulations are full (clear) days.

Article 78: Cases Not Provided For

Cases not provided for by these Regulations and by the FECAFOOT General Regulations shall be settled by the FECAFOOT Executive Committee.

Article 79: Official Languages

These Regulations shall be published in French and in English.

In the event of disputes regarding the interpretation of the English and French texts, the French text shall prevail.

Article 80: Adoption and Entry into Force

These Regulations shall take effect from 1.1 SEPT 2026, the date of their adoption by the FECAFOOT Executive Committee.



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