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Preamble

The following regulations have been adopted on the basis of Articles 49(2)(a) and 50(1) of the *UEFA Statutes*.

I General Provisions

Article 1

Scope of application

- 1.01 The present regulations govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the preparation and organisation of the 2014/15 UEFA Regions' Cup (hereinafter the competition).

Article 2

Aims

- 2.01 By adopting the present regulations, UEFA intends to:
- a) accord, at national and international level, greater importance to amateur football, which is recognised as an important pillar of European football;
 - b) encourage UEFA's member associations to stage domestic competitions for regional amateur representative teams;
 - c) offer young players who have had to leave the youth sector for age reasons and who cannot make the leap to the professional sector an incentive to stay faithful to football and not move to another sporting discipline;
 - d) offer a special football experience to players who would otherwise not have the opportunity to compete in international competitions;
 - e) improve standards at grassroots level (amateur football);
 - f) organise international football festivals to promote reciprocal regional contacts, understanding, acceptance and greater knowledge of other cultures and regions;
 - g) encourage the exchange of interpersonal, cultural and sporting values.

II Entries – Admission – Duties

Article 3

Entries for the competition

- 3.01 UEFA stages the competition every two years. All UEFA member associations (hereinafter associations) are invited to enter a regional or, where applicable,

a national amateur representative team for the competition. The competition takes place only if at least 27 associations have entered.

3.02 To be eligible to participate in the competition, associations must:

- a) confirm in writing that their team has qualified through a national qualifying competition;
- b) confirm in writing that the association itself, as well as the qualified team and its players and officials, comply with the *Laws of the Game* promulgated by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) and agree to respect the statutes (including the principles of fair play as defined therein), regulations, directives and decisions of UEFA;
- c) confirm in writing that the qualified team, as well as its players and officials, agree to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) as defined in the relevant provisions of the *UEFA Statutes* and agree that any proceedings before the CAS concerning admission to, participation in or exclusion from the competition will be held in an expedited manner in accordance with the *CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration* and with the directions issued by the CAS, including for provisional or super-provisional measures, to the explicit exclusion of any State court;
- d) fill in the official entry documents (i.e. all documents containing the information deemed necessary by the UEFA administration for ascertaining compliance with the admission criteria), which must reach the UEFA administration within the deadline set by the latter and communicated in due course through a circular letter sent to all associations.

Admission procedure

3.03 The UEFA General Secretary decides on admission to the competition. Such decisions are final.

Duties of the associations

3.04 On entering the competition, participating associations and their qualified teams agree:

- a) to play in the competition until their elimination;
- b) to stage and play all matches in the competition in accordance with the present regulations;
- c) to comply with all decisions regarding the competition taken by the UEFA Executive Committee, the UEFA administration or any other competent body and communicated appropriately (by UEFA circular letter or by official letter, fax or email);
- d) to observe the *UEFA Safety and Security Regulations* for all matches in the competition;

- e) to stage all matches in the competition in a stadium meeting the structural criteria of the stadium category required by paragraph 12.01;
- f) not to represent UEFA or the UEFA Regions' Cup without UEFA's prior written approval;
- g) to indemnify, defend and hold UEFA and its subsidiaries and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents and other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to any non-compliance by the participating association or any of its players, officials, employees, representatives or agents with these regulations.

III Trophy – Medals – Respect Fair Play Trophy

Article 4

Trophy

- 4.01 A trophy donated by UEFA is presented to the winning team for two years. The holders are responsible for the loss of or any damage to the trophy, and must return it to the UEFA administration in perfect condition two months before the next final round. UEFA is responsible for engraving the trophy with the name of the winning team. The trophy becomes the permanent property of any team that wins it three consecutive times or five times in 20 years. Once a cycle of three successive wins or five in total has been completed, the team concerned starts a new cycle from zero.
- 4.02 If, for any reason, the competition cannot take place, the trophy must be returned to the UEFA administration.
- 4.03 The winning team also receives a scaled-down replica of the trophy, which it may keep.
- 4.04 The winning team may make one additional copy of the trophy, provided the copy is clearly marked as a replica and does not exceed four-fifths of the size of the original.
- 4.05 Trophies and replica trophies awarded to winners of the competition (past and current) must remain within the relevant association's control at all times and may not leave the association's country without UEFA's prior written consent. Associations must not permit a trophy or replica trophy to be used in any context where a third party (including, without limitation, associations' sponsors or other commercial partners) is granted visibility or in any other way which could lead to an association between any third party and the trophy and/or the competition. Associations must comply with any trophy use guidelines that the UEFA administration may issue from time to time.

- 4.06 Associations may not, and may not permit any third party to develop, create, use, sell or distribute any promotional materials or merchandise bearing any representation of the trophy or any replica thereof (including, without limitation, trophy lift images) or use any such representation in a manner that could lead to an association between any third party and the trophy, replica trophy and/or the competition.

Medals

- 4.07 The winning team is presented with 30 gold medals and the runner-up with 30 silver medals. The runners-up of each group in the final round each receive 30 bronze medals. Additional medals may not be produced.

Commemorative items

- 4.08 The teams placed second to eighth receive a commemorative plaque.
4.09 Each player participating in the final round receives a commemorative diploma.

Special awards

- 4.10 A special award may be presented to the top goal-scorer of the final round.

Respect fair play trophy

- 4.11 A fair play competition takes place in which all matches of the competition are taken into account (see Annex III). The winner receives a scaled-down replica trophy which it may keep.

IV Responsibilities

Article 5

Responsibilities of the participating associations

- 5.01 The associations are responsible for the behaviour of their participating teams, players, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out a function at a match on their behalf.
5.02 If necessary, associations must apply for visas from the diplomatic mission of the host country well in advance of a tournament.

Responsibilities of the host association

- 5.03 Together with the regional association where applicable, the national association in the territory of which matches in the preliminary, intermediate and final rounds are being staged is considered the host association.
5.04 In conjunction with UEFA, the host association undertakes to make the appropriate arrangements for the staging of the matches it is hosting.

- 5.05 The host association is responsible for order and security before, during and after the match. The host association may be called to account for incidents of any kind and may be disciplined.
- 5.06 Matches must, in principle, be played in a stadium within the territory of the host association. Exceptionally, matches may be played in the territory of another UEFA member association, if so decided by the UEFA administration and/or the UEFA disciplinary bodies, for reasons of safety or as a result of a disciplinary measure.
- 5.07 The contracts required for the organisation of matches are concluded by the host association in its own name and on its own account. The same provision applies to agreements reached with government authorities.
- 5.08 The host association of the final round undertakes to observe the staging agreement signed with UEFA. It is responsible for all match-related organisational tasks and must fully respect any and all rights granted by UEFA to third parties in connection with the final round.
- 5.09 Unless special permission is granted by UEFA, the grounds reserved for training and matches in the final round may not be used for other matches or events during the three days prior to the tournament or during the event itself.

V Insurance

Article 6

- 6.01 All persons involved in the competition are responsible for their own insurance cover.
- 6.02 The participating associations are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover for their delegations, including players and officials, at their own expense for the whole duration of the competition.
- 6.03 Host associations staging matches and/or tournaments in the competition must conclude adequate insurance cover with reputable insurers for all of their risks arising under these regulations at their own expense, in accordance with their respective responsibilities, as set out in Article 5 of these regulations and in the staging agreement (final round). The third-party liability policy must include an appropriate guaranteed sum for damages to persons, objects and property, as well as for pure economic losses corresponding to the specific circumstances of the associations concerned. Likewise, the policies must fully cover all risks connected with the staging of the matches or tournaments in question (including, but not limited to, force majeure events). In any case, the host associations must ensure that UEFA is included as co-insured party in all insurance policies as defined in the present paragraph.

- 6.04 If the host association is not the owner of a stadium used, it is also responsible for ensuring that the stadium owner and/or tenant in question provides a fully comprehensive insurance cover, including third-party liability and property damage. If appropriate insurance policies are not provided by the stadium owner and/or tenant in due time, the host association is required to conclude the necessary additional insurance cover at its own cost, failing which it may be concluded by UEFA at the host association's expense.
- 6.05 Claims for damages against UEFA are expressly excluded and anyone involved must hold UEFA harmless from any and all claims for liability arising in relation to the competition. In any case, UEFA may request anyone involved to provide, free of charge, written releases of liability and/or hold harmless notes, and/or confirmations and/or copies of the policies concerned in one of UEFA's official languages.
- 6.06 For the final round, UEFA concludes insurance coverage in accordance with its respective responsibilities, as set out in the staging agreement.

VI Competition System

Article 7

Phases of the competition

- 7.01 The competition consists of the following rounds:
- a) preliminary round (matches played in the form of mini-tournaments, each involving a group of four teams);
 - b) intermediate round (matches played in the form of mini-tournaments, each involving a group of four teams);
 - c) final round.

A. Preliminary round, intermediate round

Group formations

- 7.02 For the draws for the preliminary and intermediate rounds, the UEFA administration establishes coefficient rankings based on the sporting results of the last three UEFA Regions' Cups as well as draw procedures.
- 7.03 Eight teams participate in the preliminary round and are drawn into two groups of four teams.
- 7.04 The two group winners from the preliminary round play the intermediate round alongside the 30 teams that qualify directly.
- 7.05 A draw for the intermediate round is conducted to place the 32 participating teams into eight groups of four teams each.
- 7.06 The eight group winners from the intermediate round qualify for the final round.

Match system

- 7.07 All matches in the preliminary and intermediate rounds are played in the form of mini-tournaments in one of the countries in the group. Each team plays each of the other teams in the group once, with three points awarded for a win, one point for a draw and none for a defeat.

Equality of points at mini-tournaments

- 7.08 If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied in the order given to determine the rankings:
- a) Higher number of points obtained in the group matches played among the teams in question.
 - b) Superior goal difference resulting from the group matches played among the teams in question.
 - c) Higher number of goals scored in the group matches played among the teams in question.
 - d) If, after having applied criteria a) to c), teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied exclusively to the matches between the teams in question to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) and f) apply.
 - e) Results of all group matches:
 1. superior goal difference;
 2. higher number of goals scored.
 - f) Drawing of lots.
- 7.09 If two teams which have the same number of points and the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, their final rankings are determined by kicks from the penalty mark (Article 17) and not by the criteria listed under 7.08 a) to f) provided no other team within the group has the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria listed under paragraph 7.08 apply.

Drawing of lots

- 7.10 If on completion of a mini-tournament a draw is required, the lots are drawn in the teams' hotel after the final match. The draw is made by the UEFA match delegate and the heads of delegation or team representatives must sign a document stating that they accept the result of the draw.

Article 8

Organisation of the mini-tournaments

- 8.01 The mini-tournament hosts are determined according to Annex I, point 1.

Match dates

- 8.02 Match dates are proposed by the host association and agreed by the other associations in the group. If no agreement can be reached, the UEFA administration will decide. Once the UEFA administration has made a decision, a change can only be accepted if all four teams agree on new dates and inform the UEFA administration accordingly within the deadlines communicated to the teams by the UEFA administration.
- 8.03 The matches must be played according to the following deadlines:
- a) Preliminary round
The matches of the preliminary round must be played before 31 July 2014.
 - b) Intermediate round
The matches of the intermediate round must be played before 15 December 2014.

Match venues

- 8.04 Match venues must be fixed by the host association and announced to its opponents and the UEFA administration at least 60 days before the start of the mini-tournament.
- 8.05 The host association must ensure that all tournament hotels are easily accessible. Unless the visiting associations give their approval, no tournament hotel may be situated more than a three-hour drive from the nearest international airport. Special approval from the UEFA administration is required for tournament venues located on islands or in other places which have few international flights or which necessitate internal flights. Unless the visiting associations agree otherwise, no match venue may be located more than a one-hour bus drive from all tournament hotels.

Kick-off times

- 8.06 Kick-off times must be announced to the opponents and to the UEFA administration at least 30 days before the start of the tournament. For reasons of sporting fairness, matches played on the last matchday must kick off at the same time.
- 8.07 Unless the UEFA administration grants special approval, associations are not allowed to fix kick-off times before 11.00 or after 21.00 (local time).

Arrival of the teams

- 8.08 Teams must arrive at the tournament venue one day before the start of the mini-tournament. Unless the team in question and the host association have agreed otherwise, teams arriving more than one day prior to the start of the tournament are responsible for the extra costs incurred as a result of their early arrival.

Departure of visiting teams

- 8.09 Visiting teams should leave the tournament venue the day after their last match. Teams departing any later bear the extra costs incurred as a result of their late departure.

Article 9

B. Final round

- 9.01 As a general rule, the final round is played as a tournament.
- 9.02 The eight group winners from the intermediate round qualify for the final round.
- 9.03 The UEFA administration designates one of the finalist associations as host of the tournament.
- 9.04 The final round will take place in June 2015. The exact dates will be confirmed by the UEFA administration.
- 9.05 If the final round cannot be played as a tournament, the UEFA administration decides on the playing system.

Local organising committee

- 9.06 The host association must set up a local organising committee (LOC), which is responsible for the following:
- a) proposing match venues and stadiums to the UEFA administration;
 - b) making all necessary arrangements for the staging of the matches;
 - c) adhering to the financial provisions as per Article 26.

Fixture list

- 9.07 The UEFA administration, in conjunction with the LOC, is responsible for confirming the venues, the fixture list and the kick-off times of the matches.

Group formations

- 9.08 A draw is conducted by the UEFA administration in the country of the host association to allocate the eight teams into two groups of four.
- 9.09 The two groups are formed as follows:
- Group A: Teams A1, A2, A3 and A4
- Group B: Teams B1, B2, B3 and B4

Match system

- 9.10 Each team plays each of the other teams in the group once, with three points awarded for a win, one for a draw and none for a defeat. The group matches will be played according to the following schedule. The last two matches in

each group must both kick off at the same time. The first-named team is considered as the home team.

	Matchday 1	Matchday 2	Matchday 3
Group A	A1 v A2	A1 v A3	A4 v A1
	A3 v A4	A2 v A4	A2 v A3
Group B	B1 v B2	B1 v B3	B4 v B1
	B3 v B4	B2 v B4	B2 v B3

Tournament programme

9.11 The final round will be played according to the following schedule:

Day 1:	Arrival of participating teams and referees
Day 2:	Tournament organisational meeting
Day 3:	Matchday 1
Day 4:	Rest day
Day 5:	Matchday 2
Day 6:	Rest day
Day 7:	Rest day
Day 8:	Matchday 3
Day 9:	Departure of eliminated teams Rest day for the finalists
Day 10:	Rest day
Day 11:	Final
Day 12:	Departure of the finalists

Equality of points

9.12 If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied in the order given to determine the rankings:

- a) Higher number of points obtained in the group matches played among the teams in question.
- b) Superior goal difference resulting from the group matches played among the teams in question.
- c) Higher number of goals scored in the group matches played among the teams in question.
- d) If, after having applied criteria a) to c), teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied exclusively to the matches between the

teams in question to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) to g) apply.

- e) Results of all group matches:
 - 1. superior goal difference;
 - 2. higher number of goals scored.
 - f) Respect Fair Play ranking of the teams in question (only final round).
 - g) Drawing of lots.
- 9.13 If two teams which have the same number of points and the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, their final rankings are determined by kicks from the penalty mark (Article 17) and not by the criteria listed under 9.12 a) to g), provided that no other team within the group has the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria listed under paragraph 9.12 apply.

Final

- 9.14 The two group winners contest the final as follows:
Winner Group A v Winner Group B
- 9.15 If the result stands as a draw at the end of normal playing time, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes is played. If the two teams are still equal after extra time, the winner is determined by kicks from the penalty mark (Article 17).

VII Refusal to Play, Cancellation of a Match, Match Abandoned and Similar Cases

Article 10

Refusal to play and similar cases

- 10.01 If an association refuses to play or is responsible for a match not taking place or not being played in full, the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body takes a decision in the matter.
- 10.02 The UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body can validate the result as it stood at the moment when the match was abandoned if the match result was to the detriment of the association responsible for the match being abandoned.
- 10.03 If an association is disqualified during the competition, the results of all of its matches are declared null and void, and the points awarded forfeited.
- 10.04 If an association that has qualified for the final round does not compete, the UEFA administration may replace it and, if so, decides which association is to take its place according to the results achieved by the associations eliminated previously.

- 10.05 An association which refuses to play or is responsible for a match not taking place or not being played in full loses all rights to payments from UEFA.
- 10.06 Upon receipt of a reasoned and well-documented request from the association concerned, the UEFA administration may set an amount of compensation due for financial loss.

Article 11

Mini-tournament cancelled before departure of the visiting teams

- 11.01 If the host association finds that a mini-tournament cannot take place, for example because the field is not fit for play, it must notify the visiting associations, the referees, the UEFA match delegate and the UEFA referee observer before their departure from home, and the UEFA administration at the same time. The UEFA administration takes the necessary decision regarding the reorganisation of the mini-tournament.

Match cancelled after departure of a visiting team

- 11.02 If any doubt arises as to the condition of the field of play after a visiting team's departure from home, the referee decides on the spot whether or not it is fit for play.
- 11.03 If the referee declares that a match cannot commence because the field is not fit for play or for any other reason, it must, in principle, be played the next day, subject to the approval of the UEFA administration. A decision must be taken within two hours of the referee's decision to cancel the match. In case of dispute, the UEFA administration fixes the venue, date and kick-off time of the match. Its decision is final.

Match abandoned

- 11.04 If the referee decides to abandon the match, for example because the field is unfit for play, the remaining match time must be played either the next day, or on another date set by the UEFA administration, unless the case is referred to the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body. The date on which the match will be completed must be decided within two hours of the referee's decision to abandon the match, in consultation with the associations concerned. In case of dispute, the UEFA administration fixes the venue, date and kick-off time of the match. Its decision is final.
- 11.05 If the remaining time of the match has to be played the next day or on another date set by the UEFA administration, the following principles apply:
- a) The match sheet must contain the same players who were on the match sheet when the match was abandoned, with the exception of players substituted or sent off during the abandoned match as well as players suspended for the abandoned match. The players who were in play at the time the match was abandoned may not be included on the match sheet as substitutes when the match is resumed.

- b) Any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match.
- c) Single yellow cards imposed before the match was abandoned are not carried forward to any other matches before the abandoned match is completed.
- d) Players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced and the number of players in the starting line-up remains as it was when the match was abandoned.
- e) Players who were suspended following a match played after the abandoned match in question can be included on the match sheet.
- f) The teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned.
- g) The match must restart on the same spot where the abandoned match action occurred (i.e. free-kick, throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, penalty, etc.). If the match was stopped during the normal flow of the game, a dropped ball on the spot where it was abandoned shall be used to restart.
- h) When the team of the host association of a preliminary or intermediate round mini-tournament is not one of the two teams concerned by the abandoned match, and if the remaining match time cannot be played the next day, the two teams concerned may agree to play the remaining match time in another country in order to save costs. Such a decision has to be approved by the UEFA administration.

Expenses

- 11.06 If the circumstances require the host association to notify the visiting associations and the referees before their departure from home of a match not being able to be played and if the host association fails to do so, it is responsible for the travel, board and lodging expenses of the visiting associations and the referees.
- 11.07 If, after the arrival of the teams at the venue, a match or an entire mini-tournament cannot commence or has to be abandoned, the travel, board and lodging expenses of the visiting associations, as well as the relevant hosting costs, are borne by the associations concerned in equal parts.
- 11.08 In the case of an abandoned match, if the remaining time cannot be played during the mini-tournament and, consequently, must be played at a date confirmed by the UEFA administration, any travel and organisational costs have to be borne by the associations concerned in equal parts. UEFA will cover the travel and accommodation costs of the referees and UEFA match officers.

VIII Stadiums

Article 12

Stadium category

12.01 Unless stipulated otherwise in these regulations, matches in the competition must be played in a stadium which meets the structural criteria of category 1, as defined in the *UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations*.

Exceptions to a structural criterion

12.02 The UEFA administration may grant an exception to a specific structural criterion for the stadium category in question in cases of particular hardship and upon reasoned request, for instance owing to the current national legislation or if the fulfilment of all the required criteria would force an association to play its home matches on the territory of another association. An exception can be granted for one or more matches in the competition or for the whole duration of the competition. Such decisions are final.

Stadium and safety requirements

12.03 Each host association is responsible for:

- a) inspecting every stadium concerned and returning the corresponding online form to the UEFA administration confirming that the stadiums meet the structural criteria of the required stadium category;
- b) confirming to the UEFA administration that the stadiums, including their facilities (emergency lighting system, first aid facilities, type of protection against intrusion by spectators into the playing area, etc.), have been thoroughly inspected by the competent public authorities and meet all the safety requirements laid down by the applicable national law.

12.04 The UEFA administration accepts or rejects the stadiums on the basis of the above form and confirmation. Such decisions are final.

Stadium inspections

12.05 The UEFA administration may carry out stadium inspections at any time before and during the competition to check whether the required structural criteria have been and are still being met. Cases of non-conformity with an applicable structural criterion may be referred to the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body, which decides on appropriate measures in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*.

Artificial turf

12.06 Matches may be played on artificial turf, in accordance with *the UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations* and provided that such artificial turf meets the FIFA International Artificial Turf Standard. A copy of the relevant FIFA

certificate, issued within the 12 months preceding the relevant match, must be provided to the UEFA administration upon request.

- 12.07 The owner of the artificial turf and the host association are fully responsible for meeting the above requirements, in particular those related to:
- a) maintenance work and ongoing improvement measures; and
 - b) safety and environmental measures as set out in the *FIFA Quality Concept – Handbook of Test Methods for Football Turf* and the *FIFA Quality Concept – Handbook of Requirements for Football Turf Surfaces*.
- 12.08 The owner of the artificial turf and the host association must obtain sufficient warranties and/or guarantees related to the material and the installation from the manufacturer and the installer of the artificial turf.
- 12.09 UEFA cannot be held responsible for any damages to third parties resulting from the use of the artificial turf.

Floodlights

- 12.10 Matches may be played in daylight or under floodlights.

Clocks

- 12.11 Clocks in the stadium showing the amount of time played may run during the match, provided they are stopped at the end of normal time in each half, i.e. after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation also applies in the event of extra time (i.e. after 15 and 30 minutes).

IX Match Organisation

Article 13

Balls

- 13.01 Balls must comply with the *IFAB Laws of the Game* as well as with Article 65 of the *UEFA Kit Regulations*.
- 13.02 For matches in the preliminary and intermediate rounds, as well as for training sessions, balls of excellent quality must be provided by the host association. The balls provided for training must be of the same type and quality as those used for the match.
- 13.03 For matches and official training sessions in the final round, balls are supplied by UEFA.

Flags

- 13.04 At all matches in the competition, the flags of the participating teams must be flown in the stadium – i.e. in the case of a national amateur team, the national flag is flown and in the case of a regional amateur team, the flag of the region concerned is flown. Furthermore, the UEFA and UEFA Respect flags must be flown horizontally at the stadium at all matches in the competition. In addition,

the flag of the association, region or city in which the match is being played may be flown. The UEFA and UEFA Respect flags are available on loan from the national association. National anthems may not be played.

Ticket allocations

- 13.05 The official UEFA representatives and at least four representatives of the visiting associations must be provided with complimentary top-category seats in the VIP sector.
- 13.06 For matches in the preliminary and intermediate rounds, an appropriate number of complimentary and purchase tickets, to be fixed by mutual agreement, must be set aside for the visiting associations.

Venue data coordinator position and accreditation

- 13.07 The host association must ensure that the venue data coordinator (VDC) appointed by UEFA to gather live data during the match is provided with:
- a) a commentary position (or equivalent position) with dedicated broadband internet access, which needs to be in place from the morning of the match until 90 minutes after the final whistle; and
 - b) an accreditation permitting access to the referees' dressing room.

Handshakes

- 13.08 At all matches in the competition, the players are invited to shake hands with their opponents and the referee team after the line-up ceremony as well as after the final whistle, as a gesture of fair play.

Substitutes' benches, technical seats and technical area

- 13.09 For preliminary and intermediate round matches only six team officials, one of whom must be a team doctor, and seven substitute players are allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench, i.e. a total of 13 persons. The names of all these persons and their functions must be listed on the match sheet.
- 13.10 For matches played in the final round, six team officials, one of which must be a team doctor, and nine substitute players are allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench, i.e. a total of 15 persons. The names of all these persons and their functions must be listed on the match sheet.
- 13.11 If space so permits, up to five additional technical seats are allowed for association staff providing technical support to the team during the match (kit manager, assistant physiotherapist, etc.). Such seats must be outside the technical area and positioned at least five metres away from the benches but with access to the dressing rooms. The names of all these persons and their functions must be listed on the match sheet.
- 13.12 Smoking is not allowed in the technical area during matches.
- 13.13 During the match, players and team officials listed on the match sheet are not allowed access to any TV footage of the match.

- 13.14 The use of electronic communication systems between players and/or technical staff is not permitted.

Medical requirements

- 13.15 Minimum medical requirements concerning the provision of facilities, equipment and personnel by the host association are set out in the *UEFA Medical Regulations*. For the avoidance of doubt, the host association is solely responsible for the provision and operation of any facilities and equipment required by the above-mentioned regulations.

X Media Matters

Article 14

Access to training sessions

- 14.01 Teams must make their last training session before each match open to the media for at least 15 minutes if requested. In addition and upon request, the head coach and at least one key player from each team should be available to the media on the day before each game.

Field of play and technical zone

- 14.02 No representatives of the written press or audio media are allowed in the playing area or the area between the boundaries of the field of play and the spectators.
- 14.03 A limited number of photographers, cameramen and production staff of the audiovisual rights holders – all equipped with the appropriate pitch-access accreditation – are allowed in the area between the boundaries of the field of play and the spectators (Annex IIa and IIb).

Post-match press conference and mixed zone

- 14.04 If applicable, the post-match press conference must start no later than 20 minutes after the end of the match. Both teams are obliged to make at least their head coach available for this purpose.
- 14.05 A mixed zone may be set up for the media on the way from the dressing rooms to the team transport area. This area offers reporters additional opportunities to conduct interviews and is accessible only to coaches, players and media representatives.

Written press

- 14.06 This section applies to media that report in writing only, for whatever platform (e.g. newspaper, website, mobile portal).
- 14.07 Accreditation applications from such media will be accepted on condition that they do not cover the game live in sound and/or pictures.

- 14.08 Therefore, such media will be accredited as written press, with access to the post-match press conference and mixed zone.

Photographs

- 14.09 Photographs taken by officially accredited photographers may be published online (including internet and mobile) for editorial purposes only, subject to the following conditions:
- a) they must appear as stills and not as moving pictures or quasi-video feed;
 - b) there must be an interval of at least 20 seconds between the posting of any two photographs published online.

XI Laws of the Game

Article 15

- 15.01 Matches are played in conformity with the *IFAB Laws of the Game*.

Substitution of players

- 15.02 The substitution of three players per team is permitted in the course of the match. The use of substitution boards (preferably electronic) to indicate the substitution of players is compulsory. Substitution boards must be numbered on both sides.
- 15.03 During the game, substitutes are allowed to leave the technical area to warm up. At the pre-match organisational meeting, the referee determines exactly where they may warm up (behind the first assistant referee or behind the advertising boards behind the goal) and how many substitutes are allowed to warm up simultaneously. In principle, three substitutes per team are allowed to warm up at the same time; exceptionally, if space so permits, the referee can allow up to seven substitutes of each team to warm up simultaneously in the dedicated area. The team fitness coach (indicated on the match sheet) may join the players warming up and is responsible for ensuring the referee's instructions are respected.

Match sheet

- 15.04 Before each match, each team receives a match sheet on which the numbers, surnames, first names and dates of birth of the 18 players in the squad (20 for the final round) must be indicated, together with the surnames and first names of the officials seated on the substitutes' bench and on the additional technical seats. The match sheet must be properly completed in block capitals and signed by the captain and the competent team official.
- 15.05 The 11 first-named players must commence the match. The other seven (nine players at the final round) are designated as substitutes. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the match sheet. The goalkeepers and team captain must be identified.

- 15.06 Both teams must hand their match sheets to the referee at least 75 minutes before kick-off.
- 15.07 If the match sheet is not completed and returned in time, the matter will be submitted to the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body .
- 15.08 Only three of the substitutes listed on the match sheet may take part in the match. A player who has been substituted may take no further part in the match.
- 15.09 If there are fewer than seven players on either of the teams, the match is abandoned. In this case, the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body decides on the consequences.

Replacement of players on the match sheet

- 15.10 After the match sheets have been completed, signed and returned to the referee by both teams, and if the match has not yet kicked off, no replacement is allowed except in the following cases:
 - a) If any of the first ten outfield players listed on the match sheet are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may only be replaced by any of the seven substitutes (nine substitutes at the final round) listed on the initial match sheet. Such replacements reduce the quota of substitute players accordingly. During the match, three players may still be replaced.
 - b) If any of the substitute outfield players listed on the match sheet are not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute outfield players is reduced accordingly.
 - c) If the goalkeeper listed first on the match sheet is not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, he may be replaced by the goalkeeper listed under the substitutes. The goalkeeper originally listed first on the match sheet may, however, still be used as a substitute goalkeeper. If this is not possible he may be replaced by another goalkeeper not previously listed on the match sheet.
 - d) If the substitute goalkeeper is not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, he may be replaced by another goalkeeper not previously listed on the match sheet.
- 15.11 The associations concerned must, upon request, provide the UEFA administration with the necessary medical certificates.

Article 16

Half-time interval, break before extra time

- 16.01 The half-time interval lasts 15 minutes. If extra time is required, there is a five-minute break between the end of normal time and the start of extra time. As a rule, the players remain on the field of play during this five-minute break, at the discretion of the referee.

Article 17

Kicks from the penalty mark

- 17.01 For matches where the winners need to be decided by kicks from the penalty mark the procedure laid down in the *IFAB Laws of the Game* applies.
- 17.02 The referee decides which goal will be used for the kicks:
- a) For reasons of safety/security, state of the field of play, lighting or other similar reasons, the referee may choose which goal will be used without tossing a coin. In this case, he is not required to justify his decision, which is final.
 - b) If he considers that either goal can be used for the kicks, then, in the presence of the two captains, he decides that the head side of the coin corresponds to one goal and the tail side to the other. He then tosses the coin to determine which goal will be used.
- 17.03 To ensure that the procedure is strictly observed, the referee is assisted by his team, who also note down the numbers of the players on each team who take kicks from the penalty mark. The assistant referees position themselves according to the diagram in the *IFAB Laws of the Game*.
- 17.04 If through the fault of a team, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed, the provisions of Article 10 apply.

XII Player Eligibility

Article 18

Player eligibility

- 18.01 Players are eligible to play in the competition if they meet all of the following criteria throughout the competition.
- 18.02 Players must respect the criteria regarding amateur status:
- a) Players can only be selected from a club that plays in the divisions determined by UEFA for each association, as indicated in the *Competition Structure* document sent to all participating associations before the start of the competition. Upon written request from an association, and after consultation with the Youth and Amateur Football Committee, the UEFA administration is entitled to adapt these criteria.

- b) Players must never have signed a contract as Professionals (see Chapter II of the *FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players*).
 - c) Players must never have played in a non-amateur championship (professional league).
 - d) Players must never have played in the top national division.
 - e) A player who plays in the preliminary and/or intermediate round in compliance with all of the above provisions and is then transferred to the next division up during the competition (see *Competition Structure* document), but who remains registered with the region participating in the 2014/15 UEFA Regions' Cup, remains eligible until the elimination of the team. In this case, the above criteria a), b), c) and d) no longer apply to the player in question.
- 18.03 Players – including an unlimited number of foreign players – must have been duly registered as active players with the participating regional association (in the case of a regional team) or the national association (in the case of a national team) concerned for at least two years without interruption on the date of their first appearance in the competition (e.g. on 1 August 2014, a player registered with the regional or national association since 1 August 2012 or before is eligible to play).
- 18.04 Players must have never played in UEFA or FIFA competition matches, or competition matches of other confederations (excluding any previous UEFA Regions' Cups and any UEFA, FIFA or other confederations' age category competitions, i.e. the European Under-17, Under-19 and Under-21 Championships, FIFA Under-17 and Under-20 World Cups).

Age

- 18.05 Players must respect the following age requirements:
- a) players must be at least 19 on the date of their first appearance in the competition (e.g. on 1 August 2014, a player born on 1 August 1995 or before is eligible to play);
 - b) players must be under 40 on the date of their first appearance in the competition (e.g. on 1 August 2014, a player born on 1 August 1974 or before is not eligible to play).
- 18.06 Each player taking part in the competition must be in possession of a valid passport or identity card, containing a photograph and giving full particulars of his date of birth (day, month, year). Otherwise, he will not be allowed to take part in the competition.

Identification

- 18.07 For age, identity and eligibility verification purposes, a signed copy of the final 18-player list (20-player list for the final round) printed from FAME must be handed with each player's passport or identity card to the UEFA match delegate. A meeting with the UEFA representatives and the heads of

delegation of the participating teams is held for this purpose the day before the start of the mini-tournament or final round.

- 18.08 For identification purposes, the UEFA match delegate arranges to make a visual check of each player participating in the competition. As a rule, this check takes place at a mealtime at the team's accommodation before the first match in a mini-tournament or in the final round. Only one such visual check is made.

Medical examination

- 18.09 All players (including any potential substitute as referred to in paragraphs 18.15 and 18.16) must undergo a medical examination to the extent provided for by the *UEFA Medical Regulations*.

Players registered for the preliminary and intermediate rounds

- 18.10 Each qualified team, via its national association, must provide the UEFA administration with a list of 30 players (including 3 goalkeepers) as well as the head coach at least 20 full days before the start of the mini-tournament. This list must be completed online and no changes are allowed after the above deadline.
- 18.11 Only 18 players named on the list of 30 players are entitled to play in the mini-tournament. A signed copy of the final list of 18 players must be handed to the UEFA match delegate at the tournament organisational meeting. A maximum of one outfield player named on this list may be replaced upon submission to the UEFA match delegate of written medical evidence of illness or injury in one of UEFA's official languages no later than three hours before the start of the team's first match in the mini-tournament. The new player must be selected from the list of 30 players. The replaced player may not take part in the mini-tournament and no other outfield player may be replaced during the mini-tournament.
- 18.12 Goalkeepers may be replaced at any time during the mini-tournament upon submission of written medical evidence of illness or injury in one of UEFA's official languages, but no later than three hours before the start of the match in question. The new goalkeeper must be selected from the list of 30 players.
- 18.13 In cases of particular hardship and upon reasoned request, the UEFA General Secretary may grant exceptions.

Players registered for the final round

- 18.14 Each qualified team, via its national association, must provide the UEFA administration with a list of 30 players (including 3 goalkeepers) as well as the head coach at least 20 full days before the start of the final round. This list must be completed online and no changes are allowed after the above deadline with the exception of paragraphs 18.15 and 18.16.

- 18.15 Only 20 players named on the list of 30 players are entitled to play in the final round. A signed copy of the final list of 20 players must be handed to the UEFA match delegate at the tournament organisational meeting. Any of the outfield player named on this list may be replaced upon submission to the UEFA administration of written medical evidence of illness or injury in one of UEFA's official languages no later than three hours before the start of the team's first match in the final round. The new player must be selected from the list of 30 players. The replaced player may not take part in the final round and no other outfield player may be replaced during the final round.
- 18.16 Goalkeepers may be replaced at any time during the final round upon submission of written medical evidence of illness or injury in one of UEFA's official languages, but no later than three hours before the start of the match in question. The new goalkeeper must be selected from the list of 30 players. The replaced goalkeeper may not take part in the final round.
- 18.17 In cases of particular hardship and upon a reasoned request, the UEFA General Secretary may grant exceptions.
- 18.18 The eight official 20-player lists are published by the UEFA administration.

Responsibility

- 18.19 The associations are responsible for ensuring that the aforementioned provisions concerning player eligibility and lists of players are observed.
- 18.20 The UEFA administration decides on questions of player eligibility. In the event of disputes, the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body takes a final decision.

XIII Kit

Article 19

UEFA Kit Regulations

- 19.01 The *UEFA Kit Regulations* apply to all matches in the competition, unless specified otherwise in these regulations.

Numbers

- 19.02 The 18 players (20 for the final round) must wear set numbers between 1 and 23. If the number 1 is used, it must be worn by a goalkeeper. No number may be used by more than one player in the course of a mini-tournament or the final round.
- 19.03 For all matches played in a mini-tournament or the final round, players must wear the number indicated on the final list of 18 players (20 players for the final round).

Sponsor advertising

- 19.04 Sponsor advertising on players' shirts:
- a) is only allowed for teams representing a region and wearing the kit of a regional association;
 - b) is not allowed for teams representing a nation and wearing the kit of a national association.

Kit approval procedure

- 19.05 Participating teams must wear kits that have been approved by UEFA beforehand.
- 19.06 Any kit alterations must be submitted to the UEFA administration for approval.

Competition badge

- 19.07 The competition badge will be distributed by UEFA to the associations participating in the final round. This badge must appear on the free zone of the right shirt sleeve. The competition badge may not be used for any other purpose, including commercial or promotional activities.

Respect badge

- 19.08 UEFA also provides the associations participating in the final round with a UEFA Respect badge. This badge must be worn horizontally in the centre of the free zone on the left shirt sleeve. The UEFA Respect badge may not be used for any other purpose, including commercial or promotional activities.

Special material used in the stadium

- 19.09 Each association participating in the final round may be provided with special material (drinking bottles, warm-up bibs, etc.) which must be used at the final round, to the exclusion of any similar items.
- 19.10 UEFA provides the teams with a captain's armband which must be used in all final round matches.

Warm-up bibs

- 19.11 For the final round, only warm-up bibs provided by UEFA may be used during pre-match warm-ups held at the stadium and for the warm-up of substitute players during the match.

XIV Referees

Article 20

Referee team

- 20.01 The *General Terms and Conditions for Referees* apply to the referee teams appointed for the competition.

- 20.02 The referee team is composed of the referee, two assistant referees, the fourth official and, if appointed, two additional assistant referees.

Appointments for the preliminary and intermediate rounds

- 20.03 The Referees Committee, in cooperation with the UEFA administration, appoints a referee for each match. In principle, the assistant referees are appointed by the association of the referee, in accordance with criteria established by the Referees Committee. In some cases, the fourth official is appointed by the host association, which assumes all the relevant travel costs and daily allowances. However, any member of the referee team may be appointed directly by UEFA. See Annex IV for more information regarding the appointment of referees.

Appointments for the final round

- 20.04 The Referees Committee appoints for each match a referee and two assistant referees.
- 20.05 The host association appoints two fourth officials, unless the UEFA administration decides otherwise.

Arrival

- 20.06 UEFA arranges for the referee team to arrive at the venue the day before the start of the mini-tournament. If a member of the referee team does not arrive at the match venue by the evening before the start of the mini-tournament, the UEFA administration and all teams concerned must be informed immediately. The Referees Committee takes the appropriate decisions. If the Referees Committee decides to replace a member of the referee team, such a decision is final, and no protests against the person or nationality of the replacement are allowed.

Unfit referee

- 20.07 If a referee becomes unfit before or during a match and is unable to officiate, the designated substitute referee (see Annex IV) replaces him. If an assistant referee becomes unfit before or during a match and is unable to officiate, the fourth official replaces him. For matches for which additional assistant referees have been appointed, if a referee becomes unfit before or during a match, and is unable to officiate, one of the additional assistant referees replaces him. Such decisions are made on a case-by-case basis by the UEFA administration in cooperation with the Referees Committee. Such decisions are final.

Referee's report

- 20.08 Directly after the match, the referee validates the official match report.

Referee liaison officer

- 20.09 During their stay at the match venue, the members of the referee team are taken care of by a referee liaison officer, who is an official representative of the host association.

XV Disciplinary Law and Procedures – Doping

Article 21

UEFA Disciplinary Regulations

- 21.01 The provisions of the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations* apply for all disciplinary offences committed by associations, officials, members or other individuals exercising a function at a match on behalf of an association, unless the present regulations stipulate otherwise.

Article 22

Yellow and red cards

- 22.01 A player who is sent off the field of play is suspended for the next match in the competition. In case of serious offences, the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment, including by extending it to other competitions.
- 22.02 In the case of repeated cautions in different matches, the offending player is suspended for one match in the same competition after the second and fourth caution, as well as after any subsequent cautions.
- 22.03 Single yellow cards that have not resulted in a suspension expire on completion of the intermediate round and are not carried forward to the final round.
- 22.04 Cautions and pending yellow-card suspensions expire on completion of the competition.

Article 23

Protests and appeals

- 23.01 Protests and declarations of the intention to appeal against a decision by the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body must be lodged in accordance with the relevant provisions of the UEFA Disciplinary Regulations, with the exception of the following deadlines:
- a) a protest must reach the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body within 12 hours of the end of the match in question;
 - b) a declaration of the intention to appeal against the decision by the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body must be lodged within 24 hours of notification of the relevant decision with grounds.

Article 24

Doping

- 24.01 Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set out in the *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*.
- 24.02 Doping is forbidden and is a punishable offence. In case of anti-doping rule violations, UEFA will instigate disciplinary proceedings against the perpetrators and take the appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations* and *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*. This may include the imposition of provisional measures.
- 24.03 UEFA may test any player at any time.

XVI Financial Provisions

Article 25

A. Preliminary and intermediate rounds

- 25.01 The visiting associations cover their international and national travel expenses to and from the mini-tournament venue.
- 25.02 The host association of a mini-tournament retains its revenue and pays all organisational costs as described in Annex I. Its obligations commence one day before the first group matches and end one day after the last group matches.
- 25.03 The host association receives a financial contribution of €70,000 to cover the costs of the mini-tournament. This sum is credited to the host's national association account with UEFA on completion of the competition phase in question.
- 25.04 The host association pays for the board and lodging of all participating teams (for a maximum of 24 persons per delegation) as well as any costs related to their transport within the host association's territory (see Annex I, point 10).
- 25.05 The host association pays for the board and lodging of the referee team and the UEFA match officers (i.e. UEFA match delegate and UEFA referee observer) as well as for their transport within the host association's territory. Their international travel expenses and daily allowances are covered by UEFA.
- 25.06 The travel costs and daily allowances of the referees appointed by the host association are borne by the host association.
- 25.07 UEFA compensates the associations with €7,500 for the travel of their teams to the tournament venue. For those associations whose teams travel by plane UEFA pays €20,000. Participants are free to choose their mode of transport and must inform the UEFA administration in due time.

Article 26

B. Final round

- 26.01 Each association which qualifies for the final round receive a financial contribution of €25,000. This amount is aimed to cover the costs of the delegation's travel to the final round venue, the mandatory medical examinations and one person's travel to the final round draw.
- 26.02 As a rule, the host association of the final round is entitled to keep the revenue from the sale of tickets and concessions as duly approved by UEFA in advance.
- 26.03 The host association bears all organisational costs as stipulated in the staging agreement between the host association and UEFA.
- 26.04 The host association must submit a detailed budget to the UEFA administration at least four months before the final round.
- 26.05 The host association must submit all financial claims to the UEFA administration at the latest one month after the last match in the final round.
- 26.06 The host association must submit detailed accounts for the entire final round to the UEFA administration within six weeks of the final round ending.
- 26.07 Each association taking part in the final round covers:
- a) the travel expenses of its delegation to and from the tournament venue;
 - b) the costs of any additional members of the delegation;
 - c) the cost of extending the duration of their stay;
 - d) the premiums for the compulsory accident and travel insurance taken out for players and officials taking part in the final round.
- 26.08 UEFA covers the board and lodging of the referees, the UEFA match officers and the players and officials of the participating associations (27 persons per delegation, one of whom must be a representative of the participating team's national association), as stipulated in the relevant appendix to the staging agreement signed by the host association and UEFA. This coverage begins two days before the start of the tournament for all participating teams and ends the day after a team has been eliminated, or the day after the end of the tournament for the finalists, except in the case of unforeseen circumstances caused by transport problems, provided that they are acknowledged as unforeseen by UEFA.
- 26.09 In addition, UEFA makes a further financial contribution to the tournament costs as stipulated in the relevant appendix to the staging agreement signed by the host association and UEFA.

C. UEFA Payments

- 26.10 The amounts paid by UEFA are gross amounts. As such, they cover any and all taxes, levies and charges.

XVII Exploitation of the Commercial Rights

Article 27

Definitions

27.01 For the purposes of these regulations, the following definitions apply:

- a) “Qualifying competition” means the preliminary and intermediate rounds.
- b) “Commercial rights” means any and all commercial rights and opportunities on a worldwide basis in and in relation to the final round and/or the qualifying competition (as applicable) including, without limitation, the relevant media rights, marketing rights and data rights, as defined hereafter.
- c) “Media rights” means the right to create, distribute and transmit on a linear and/or on demand basis for reception at any time anywhere in the world by any and all means and in any and all media, whether now known or devised in the future (including, without limitation, all forms of television, radio, wireless and internet distribution), audiovisual, visual and/or audio coverage of all relevant aspects of the competition and all associated and/or related rights, including fixed media and interactive rights.
- d) “Marketing rights” means the right to exploit by any and all means and in any and all media, whether now known or devised in the future, any types of advertising, promotion (including, without limitation, electronic and virtual promotion and ticket promotions), endorsement, public relations, marketing, merchandising, licensing, franchising, sponsorship, hospitality, concessions, travel and tourism, publishing, betting, gaming, retailing and music, and all other commercial association rights and opportunities in relation to the competition that are not media rights or data rights.
- e) “Data rights” means the right to compile and exploit statistics and other data in relation to the competition.

Imagery

27.02 In respect of each association participating in the competition, UEFA has the non-exclusive right to use and/or sub-license the right to use, free of charge: (i) photographic, audio, audiovisual and visual material of the association’s team, players and officials, (ii) the names, nicknames, records, relevant statistics, data, images and likenesses of the association’s team, players and officials and (iii) the association’s name, nickname, logos, marks, emblems, shirts and other kit colours and designs (with or without any references to the shirt sponsors and manufacturers), in each case, for (a) promotional purposes related to the competition, (b) staging and organising the competition (and future editions of the competition), (c) editorial purposes (including on/for UEFA digital services) and/or (d) other purposes reasonably designated by UEFA. Any such use may occur before and after the completion of the current competition and may include references to and/or branding of third parties

including UEFA's sponsors and other commercial partners for the final rounds provided that in any case no such reference or branding may imply an endorsement of any such third party or their products and/or services by the relevant official, player, association or team. Upon request, associations must supply UEFA, free of charge, with all appropriate material as well as the necessary documentation (including, without limitation, any third party consents) required to allow UEFA to use the rights granted under this article.

A. Qualifying competition

- 27.03 The host association of any match in the qualifying competition is authorised to exploit the commercial rights relating to such matches. In doing so, it must observe the stipulations of Article 48 of the *UEFA Statutes* and the *Regulations governing the implementation of Article 48 of the UEFA Statutes*, and any other instructions or guidelines issued by UEFA from time to time.
- 27.04 UEFA owns and has the sole right, to the exclusion of the participating associations and any other party, to exploit the marketing rights to the qualifying competition generally or as a collective whole, including, by way of example, the right to nominate sponsors in relation to the qualifying competition or the competition (including the qualifying competition) as collective wholes. No participating association may participate in or allow any third party to use any rights granted by the participating association in any aggregation of marketing rights in any way that would permit a third party to create an association with the qualifying competition, the competition or the final round generally or as collective wholes. As a result, any grant by a participating association of marketing rights relating to the qualifying competition must be conditional upon the grantee and other third parties not exploiting the relevant rights in such a manner. By way of example, no participating association may create, or permit a third party to use rights granted by it to create, a website that is promoted as an official or dedicated website of the qualifying competition as a whole.
- 27.05 All associations participating in the qualifying competition undertake to take all legal and other measures that UEFA deems appropriate at its sole discretion to prohibit, prevent and stop any unauthorised exploitation of the commercial rights to the qualifying competition and to protect the ownership thereof.
- 27.06 The commercial rights to any match in the qualifying competition may not be sold unless the sale is documented in a written agreement that provides for the payment of an appropriate fee to the host association. Any such fee forms part of the match receipts and remains with the host association.
- 27.07 All agreements relating to the exploitation of the commercial rights to any match in the qualifying competition must be presented to the UEFA administration upon request. The withholding of any such agreement will be referred to the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body and may result in disciplinary sanctions.

- 27.08 All contracts for the exploitation of the media rights to any match in the qualifying competition must contain:
- a) Article 48 of the *UEFA Statutes* and the *Regulations governing the implementation of Article 48 of the UEFA Statutes*; and
 - b) a stipulation guaranteeing that if any amendments are made to the regulations, then such contracts can be adapted to incorporate the amended provisions within 30 days of the regulations coming into force.
- 27.09 For all qualifying competition matches, associations undertake to provide UEFA, free of charge and at least 24 hours prior to the kick-off of each match, with access to the television frequency information for receiving the broadcast signal at a location of UEFA's choice. These broadcasts can be recorded by UEFA in particular for the purposes envisaged in paragraph 27.02, and a copy of the recording may be purchased at cost price by the associations participating in the respective match. If the signal is unavailable for whatever reason, associations undertake to provide UEFA free of charge, in HDCAM or, if not available, in Digibeta (or another broadcast standard to be confirmed with UEFA in advance), with a recording of the entire match, to be sent to a destination of UEFA's choice for receipt within seven days of the match. The associations must ensure that any person owning rights to the above materials grants UEFA the right to use and exploit and authorise others to use and exploit, by any and all means and in any and all media whether now known or invented in the future, throughout the world, for the full duration of such rights, up to 15 minutes of audio and/or visual material from each match, free of charge and without payment of any associated clearance costs. Associations acknowledge that such use may be aimed in particular at directly or indirectly promoting the competition, including with programmes produced by or on behalf of UEFA.
- 27.10 Participating associations may not use or authorise any third party to use any of the registered or unregistered UEFA Regions' Cup trademarks or any graphic material or artistic forms developed in connection with the competition in programmes, promotions, publications or advertising or otherwise without the prior written consent of UEFA and may not develop, use, register, adopt or create any mark, logo, or symbol which refers to the qualifying competition, the competition or the final round or which, in UEFA's reasonable opinion, is confusingly similar to, is a colourable imitation of, is a derivation of, or unfairly competes with such trademarks, materials or forms.

Article 28

B. Final round

- 28.01 UEFA owns and has the sole right to exploit all of the commercial rights to the final round. UEFA may exercise this right to exploit these commercial rights at its sole discretion and on a worldwide basis.

- 28.02 All participating associations undertake to take all legal and other measures that UEFA deems appropriate at its sole discretion to prohibit, prevent and stop any unauthorised exploitation of the commercial rights to the final round and to ensure that all such commercial rights to the final round are owned and exercised solely and exclusively by UEFA and that UEFA may exploit them without any restrictions whatsoever. In this regard, no association may use or exploit, directly or indirectly, any commercial rights to the final round without the express prior written agreement of UEFA and subject to such conditions as UEFA may require. Each association must ensure that its partners, commercial or otherwise, do not use or otherwise exploit directly or indirectly any commercial rights to the final round without UEFA's express prior written agreement, which may be granted or withheld at its sole discretion.
- 28.03 Unless otherwise approved by UEFA in writing, a participating association may not display third-party commercial identification or branding in any stadium chosen for the final round.
- 28.04 UEFA has no responsibility or liability in connection with any agreement entered into by an association relating to the exploitation of the commercial rights to the final round.

XVIII Intellectual Property Rights

Article 29

- 29.01 UEFA is the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights of the competition, including any current or future rights to UEFA's names, logos, brands, music, medals, plaques, commemorative items and trophies. Any use of the aforementioned rights requires the prior written approval of UEFA and must comply with any conditions imposed by UEFA.
- 29.02 All rights to the fixture list, as well as any data and statistics in relation to the matches in the competition, are the sole and exclusive property of UEFA.

XIX Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

Article 30

- 30.01 In case of litigation resulting from or in relation to these regulations, the provisions regarding the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) laid down in the *UEFA Statutes* apply.

XX Unforeseen Circumstances

Article 31

- 31.01 Any matters not provided for in these regulations, such as cases of force majeure, are settled by the UEFA General Secretary, whose decisions are final.

XXI Closing Provisions

Article 32

- 32.01 The UEFA administration is entrusted with the operational management of the competition and is therefore entitled to take the decisions and adopt the detailed provisions necessary for implementing these regulations.
- 32.02 All annexes form an integral part of these regulations.
- 32.03 Any breach of these regulations may be penalised by UEFA in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*.
- 32.04 If there is any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French or German versions of these regulations, the English version prevails.
- 32.05 These regulations were adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting on 12 December 2013 and come into force on 1 January 2014.

For the UEFA Executive Committee:

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Bilbao, 12 December 2013

ANNEX I - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION AND STAGING OF MINI-TOURNAMENTS

This annex sets out the requirements for hosting a mini-tournament in the UEFA Regions' Cup.

1. CHOICE OF MINI-TOURNAMENT HOST

Following the draw, the four teams in each group have to agree who will host the mini-tournament. If the four associations cannot agree, the following principles apply:

1.1 If more than one association is interested in hosting the mini-tournament, the following criteria apply:

- a) Opinion of the majority of the teams
- b) Draw

1.2 If no association has expressed an interest in hosting the mini-tournament by the deadline set:

The UEFA administration will conduct a draw to determine the host.

2. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

The host is responsible for setting up a local organising committee (LOC) composed of at least:

- a) one tournament director (who must not have a leading role with his own team);
- b) one transport officer;
- c) one referee liaison officer (RLO), preferably an active or former referee, who must speak fluent English, be familiar with the region where the tournament is taking place and hold a valid driving licence;
- d) one sports facilities and safety/security officer, who is responsible for:
 - informing the competent local authorities about the mini-tournament,
 - implementing the orders of the local authorities and UEFA regarding safety and security (no sale of alcohol, confiscation of dangerous objects at the venue, anti-racism measures, prevention of pitch invasions, securing the technical area, etc.),
 - ensuring that all necessary measures are implemented so that the teams, officials, spectators, etc. are accommodated in a safe, comfortable and friendly environment;

- e) one medical officer, who is responsible for:
 - ensuring that UEFA medical requirements are met. This includes adherence to section III (Minimum medical requirements for players, team officials, the referee team and match officers) and Article 17 (Pre-tournament information provision) of the *UEFA Medical Regulations*;
- f) one media officer;
- g) one team liaison officer (TLO) per team, available 24 hours a day:
 - to ensure that the team are satisfied with the facilities and services provided;
 - to assist the team in all matters from their arrival in until their departure from the host country;
 - to act as the link (contact person) between the team and the LOC and any UEFA representative;
 - to attend daily meetings with the LOC to discuss all practical matters;
 - if requested, to accompany the team to all events, including meetings, training sessions, matches, excursions, etc.;
 - to ensure that any material or services promised to the team by the LOC are delivered;
 - to attend any official meetings;
 - to act as an interpreter;
 - to provide useful information on the lifestyle and tradition of the region where the tournament is taking place.

TLOs should:

- have a good command of English and, if possible, knowledge of the language of the team to which they have been assigned;
- have a good knowledge of the region where the tournament is taking place;
- have a good knowledge of football;
- be service-minded.

The host must ensure that all the members of the LOC are duly authorised to fulfil their various tasks.

3. UEFA ATTENDANCE AND INSPECTIONS

3.1. Referees

For each mini-tournament, UEFA appoints three teams from three different neutral countries, each consisting of one referee and one assistant referee (see also Annex IV).

The referees should be given the possibility to use training facilities.

3.2. UEFA match officers

As a rule, UEFA appoints for each mini-tournament one match delegate and one referee observer from different countries than the referees and teams. If the referees do not stay at the same hotel as the teams, the referee observer shall be accommodated at the referees' hotel and the match delegate at the teams' hotel.

a) Communication

The UEFA match officers must be able to communicate by fax or email with the UEFA administration immediately after matches, either from the stadium or the hotel. The host is responsible for providing the UEFA match officers with the necessary means of communication.

b) Hotel bills

The UEFA match officers are instructed not to pay any hotel bills except to settle extras (mini-bar, additional meals, phone calls, etc.). In a hotel where there is no free internet connection in the rooms, the UEFA match officers are asked to use the internet connection in the tournament office.

The accommodation costs (board and lodging) of the UEFA match officers must be borne by the host, who is reimbursed by means of the standard UEFA contribution (see 25.05 of the present regulations).

3.3. Possible preliminary inspection

UEFA may organise a preliminary inspection of the proposed tournament facilities (accommodation, stadiums, training grounds, etc.). Upon receipt of the corresponding report, UEFA is entitled to request that other facilities be proposed.

4. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Unless the four teams in question agree otherwise, the mini-tournament must be organised according to the following schedule. In principle, the last two matches in each group must kick off at the same time. The first-named team is considered as the home team.

Day 1:	
Arrival of all teams Arrival of all referees and UEFA match officers Tournament organisational meeting	
Day 2:	
Matchday 1:	Matches 1 v 2 and 3 v 4
Day 3:	
Rest day	
Day 4:	
Matchday 2:	Matches 1 v 3 and 4 v 2
Day 5:	
Rest day	
Day 6:	
Matchday 3:	Matches 2 v 3 and 4 v 1
Day 7:	
Departure of all teams Departure of the referees and UEFA match officers	

5. TOURNAMENT ORGANISATIONAL MEETING

A tournament organisational meeting must be held, preferably the day before the start of the tournament. The time of this meeting must be determined according to the arrival of the teams, referees and UEFA match officers. If this meeting cannot take place the day before the start of the tournament, it should be organised on the morning of the first matchday.

The meeting is chaired by the match delegate and held in English. It must be attended by the following persons.

- a) UEFA
 - Match delegate
 - Referee observer
 - Referees (optional)
- b) Teams
 - Head of delegation
- c) LOC
 - Tournament director
 - Sport facilities and security/safety officer
 - Transport officer
 - Medical officer
 - Referee liaison officer
 - Media officer

The aim of this meeting is to provide the teams and all the other parties with a role in the tournament with the following information:

- Tournament programme
- Rules and guidelines regarding the hotel(s)
- Match arrangements
- Transport system
- Referee appointments
- Use of training grounds (deadline to respect in case of changes to training schedule and cost of rental if cancelled at the last minute)

In addition, at the end of the meeting, the UEFA match officers in cooperation with the heads of delegation determine the team colours for all matches and checks, together with the LOC, the colours to be used by the ball kids.

Furthermore, the match delegate, in cooperation with the heads of delegation, arranges a schedule for the players' identity checks (see paragraphs 18.08 of the present regulations). If the teams are in different hotels, the match delegate can ask the referee observer – but not the referees – to help him.

For these purposes, the heads of delegation are requested to bring with them to the meeting the final 18-player list, the players' passports and the full first and second-choice kits for the outfield players (shirt, shorts and socks), as well as the full goalkeeper kits.

A room with a capacity for a minimum of 30 people must be reserved for this tournament organisational meeting.

If deemed necessary, a meeting can be organised every morning in order to review the previous day and to discuss the programme for the current and next day. Any complaints or suggestions can also be raised at this meeting in the presence of the match delegate. This meeting should be attended by the tournament director, the heads of delegation and the match delegate.

6. ACCOMMODATION

The delegations must be accommodated either in sports schools or medium-standard hotels (standard three-star), both are referred to as hotels in this annex.

The host must ensure that the teams can prepare for their matches in a comfortable, quiet and undisturbed environment.

The use of one hotel for all teams and officials is the ideal solution. If this is not possible, a maximum of two hotels in the immediate vicinity and in the same city should be chosen to accommodate the four teams, referees and UEFA match officers. In this case, both hotels must offer the same standard.

At the organisational meeting, the host must provide the delegations with clear information on the safety regulations and procedures applicable in case of an

emergency, rules regarding telephones and mini-bars in the rooms, as well as the code of conduct applicable in the hotel.

A room occupancy plan must be prepared by the host and distributed to the UEFA match officers only.

The following facilities and services must be provided and paid for by the host for a maximum of 24 people per delegation.

6.1. Rooms for the delegations

The host must provide and pay for the following rooms for each delegation:

- a) Twin rooms for the players (9 rooms for 18 players); two single beds must be provided in these rooms; one large bed for two players is not acceptable.
- b) Single rooms for the six team officials (six rooms) must be provided in the same hotel as their team.
- c) A kit storage room for each team (ideally on the team's floor/wing).
- d) One room per team for medical treatment and massages which should be located near to the physiotherapist's/masseur's room and contain a massage table.

If possible, each team is accommodated on a different floor or wing.

Additional delegation members may be accommodated at the same place or nearby - at the expense of the visiting association.

6.2. Rooms for the referees, UEFA match officers and local referee liaison officer

- Single rooms must be provided for the referees, UEFA match officers and, if applicable, local referee liaison officer.
- If possible, all referees, all UEFA match officers and the local referee liaison officer should be accommodated on the same floor, away from the teams.

6.3. General room requirements

- All rooms must have bathroom and toilet facilities which meet standard hygiene requirements.
- All rooms must have adequate wardrobe space.
- All rooms must be equipped with heating and/or air conditioning.
- Rooms must be cleaned daily.

6.4. Laundry

A 24-hour laundry service for the playing kits of the participating teams and referees (kit which has been worn for matches, i.e. shirts, shorts and socks, but not tracksuits) must be provided and paid for by the host.

6.5. Meeting rooms

Each team should be provided with a meeting room for a minimum of 30 people, to be at its disposal for the entire duration of the tournament. If this is not possible, two teams can be asked to share one meeting room. A meeting schedule should be established with the teams before the organisational meeting.

One meeting room must be booked for the referees.

All meeting rooms must be equipped with a flip chart and TV/DVD player or beamer, according to the teams' requests.

The cost of these rooms must be covered by the host.

6.6. Dining room

A spacious dining room split into different areas – one for the teams and one for the referees, UEFA match officers and LOC – must be provided.

6.7. Tournament office

A tournament office must be set up at the hotel or one of the hotels where the teams are staying to serve as the tournament headquarters, where:

- a) the UEFA match officers and the referees can carry out administrative work;
- b) information can be obtained on the mini-tournament itself.

Consequently, the tournament office should be centrally located and easily accessible. It should be equipped with a photocopier and a fax machine with an international line. An internet connection or Wi-Fi must also be available in the tournament office for personal computers.

7. MEALS

Three meals a day must be served to the UEFA match officers and the teams in accordance with their match and training schedules. Menus should respect sports nutrition guidelines as well as taking the national eating habits of the participating teams into account.

A detailed menu plan must be submitted to the participating teams at least one month before the start of the mini-tournament. Should a team have any special dietary requests, these must be submitted to the host at least two weeks before the start of the mini-tournament. Any cost difference between the proposed and requested menus must be borne by the requesting association.

The hotel should be flexible when it comes to catering for special requests and about mealtimes in order to adapt to the kick-off times of matches and the teams' return to the hotel.

A good variety of food in sufficient quantities must be provided. All meals should be served buffet style and the food must be kept at an appropriate temperature all the time.

Examples of menus suitable for athletes are given below:

7.1. Breakfast

- Bread, toast and jam
- Cereals with skimmed milk
- Fresh fruit salad and yoghurt
- Poached or scrambled eggs
- Lean ham
- Grilled tomatoes, mushrooms
- Fruit juice (orange/pineapple/apple)

7.2. Lunch

The lunch menu should consist of a starter, main course and dessert. In principle, a combination of the following foods should be made available:

a) Starter

Soup, ham, salami and cheese, choice of salads, cold pasta salad

b) Main course

- Chicken/turkey/beef/pork and fish (experience shows that a lot of people do not like fish, so when serving a main course consisting of fish, meat should also be made available)
- Rice/pasta/potatoes
- Steamed or boiled vegetables

c) Dessert

- Cake and/or pudding
- Fresh fruit
- Fruit salad

7.3. Dinner

Similar food as for lunch should be served for dinner. However, when establishing the menu plan for dinners, the kick-off times and the teams' return to the hotel must be taken into consideration. A combination of the following foods should be made available:

a) Starter

Soup, ham, salami and cheese, choice of salads, cold pasta salad

b) Main course

- Chicken/turkey/beef/pork and fish (experience shows that a lot of people do not like fish, so when serving a main course consisting of fish, meat should also be made available)

- Rice/pasta/potatoes
- Steamed or boiled vegetables

c) Dessert

- Cake and/or pudding
- Fresh fruit
- Fruit salad

7.4. Accompanying food

For lunch and dinner, accompanying foods (butter, bread, yoghurt, etc.) should be provided.

7.5. Snacks, light meals

As a rule, snacks or light meals between ordinary meals must be made available to the teams upon request and paid for by them. However, if such a meal replaces an ordinary meal, the host must cover the costs. If it consists of an additional meal, the requesting team must pay for it.

7.6. Drinks

A sufficient supply of soft drinks should be made available for the participants at mealtimes.

Coffee, tea, milk (hot and cold) and chocolate drinks or powder must be available at breakfast.

At all training sessions and matches a sufficient quantity of still mineral water must be provided to the teams. (NB: experience shows that a team needs a minimum of 60 litres of water a day depending on its activities. Ideally, half-litre bottles should be provided to minimise wastage.)

Mineral water should also be provided for the players and the referees in their rooms.

All other drinks must be paid for by the teams or individuals concerned.

8. TRAINING SESSIONS

Each team must be allocated with its own training ground for the entire duration of the tournament. Exceptionally, two grounds may be shared by four teams. The teams must be able to use these grounds at any time and as often as requested.

If two teams need to share a training ground, they should be provided with a combined training schedule at the tournament organisational meeting or on their arrival. This schedule should take into account both teams' wishes and the match schedule.

In order for the teams to be able to train in the same conditions as the matches will be played in, the training pitches must be of the same surface as the match pitches (i.e. artificial turf if matches are on artificial pitches and natural grass if the matches are on natural pitches). The training grounds

must also be in good condition, freshly mowed, fully marked and equipped with standard and/or mobile goals. They must be located near the teams' accommodation. Travel time by bus from a team's accommodation to the training ground must not exceed 20 minutes. The dressing rooms at the training grounds must be of an adequate size, and bathroom and toilet facilities should correspond to normal standards of hygiene, even if in most cases the teams do not use them.

The host must provide a minimum of 18 training balls to all participating teams. The same type of ball should be provided as for the matches.

If the weather and state of the playing field so allow, the teams are entitled to hold a training session of up to 45 minutes the day before the match in the stadium where the match will be played. The host, in cooperation with the referee and UEFA match delegate, will take the final decision in case of any uncertainty.

9. MATCH ORGANISATION

In addition to the stipulations of Article 13 of the regulations, the host must contact the three teams concerned in good time before the tournament in order to ensure that they bring their regional flag (or national flag in the case of a national team).

To ensure a fluent game, the host must provide at least eight ball kids per match.

At least ten match balls should be made available per match.

9.1. Matchday countdown

The following countdown (in minutes before kick-off) must be respected.

- 90 to - 75	Arrival at the stadium of the teams, referees, UEFA match delegate and/or referee observer
- 75	Both teams complete, sign the match sheet and hand it over to the referee or UEFA match delegate
- 60 to - 15	Warm-up on the pitch
- 8	Stud check in the corridor
- 5	Teams enter the pitch and line up facing the VIP box
- 4	Handshake procedure
- 3	Mixed team photos
- 2	Individual team photos
- 1	Coin toss
0	Kick-off (no earlier than 11.00 hours and no later than 21.00 hours local time)

This timetable may be adapted to take account of the distance between the dressing rooms and the pitch.

9.2. Half-time interval

15 minutes

9.3. After the final whistle

Both teams gather in the centre circle, shake hands with each other, acknowledge the spectators and leave the pitch.

10. TRANSPORT

The teams, international referees and UEFA match officers must be welcomed upon their arrival in the host country and transported to the hotel. They must also be provided with transport from their accommodation to their point of departure at the end of their stay.

As a rule, the UEFA match officers travel with the referees on matchdays.

The host is also requested to organise transport for official members of delegations who would like to see matches involving opponents and for emergency situations.

The host is responsible for providing the following vehicles.

10.1. Teams

Each team must be provided with a modern 50-seater bus (with air-conditioning and dedicated driver) for the entire duration of the tournament to cover all the team's requests. The host must provide the visiting teams with the transport concept/rules at the tournament organisational meeting.

10.2. Referees

Two people carriers (minibuses with nine seats and dedicated drivers) must be provided to transport the referees to and from matches.

11. IDEAS AND PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT

The UEFA match officers are an instrument of the disciplinary bodies, and their reports serve as groundwork for the activities of the Youth and Amateur Football Committee and the Referees Committee. In addition, they are also requested to report to the UEFA administration on any major problems that occur during the tournament and to inform UEFA of any organisational deficiencies or weaknesses. On the basis of their neutral and objective information, the UEFA administration is able to take the necessary steps to avoid any unpleasant situations and to constantly improve the staging of such events.

In this context, the LOC and all participating teams are welcome to discuss any issues related to the tournament with the UEFA representatives, to draw their attention to any shortcomings and to provide them with any ideas or proposals.

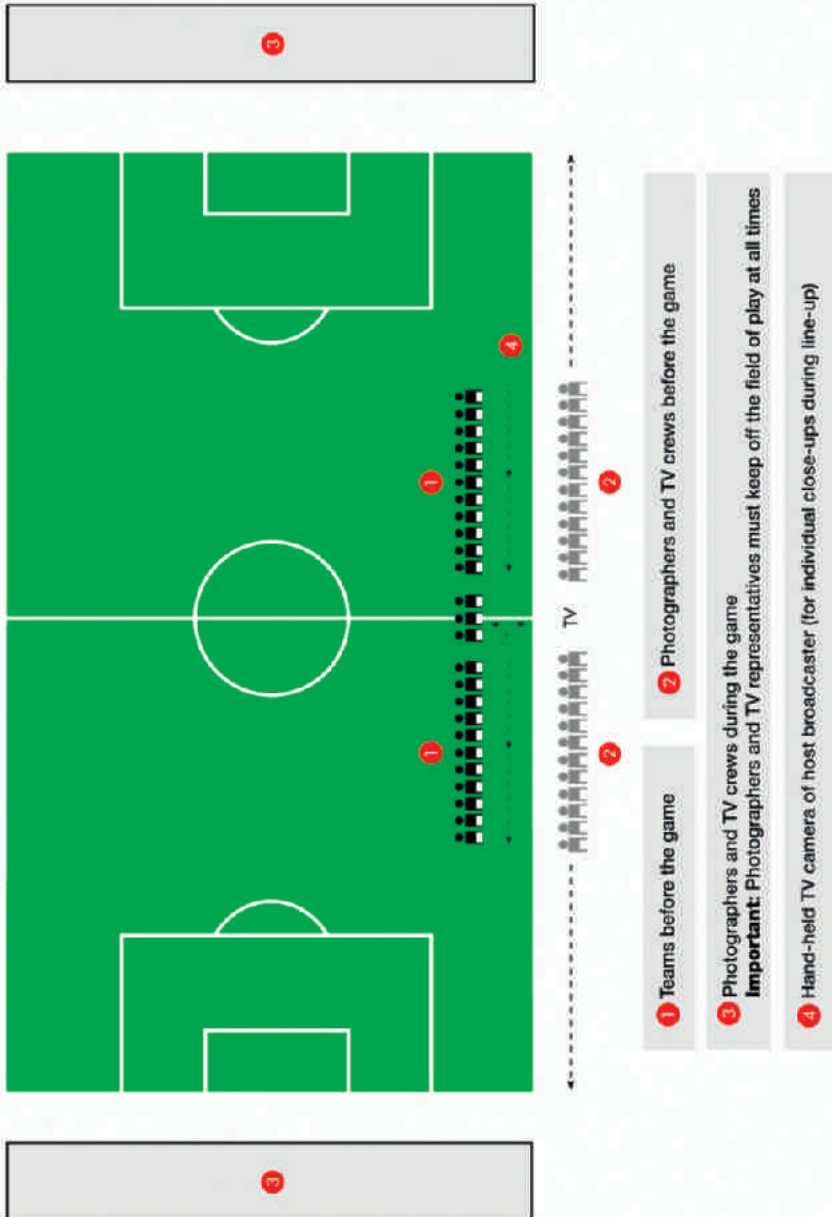
12. CLOSING REMARKS

Although it is recognised that all participating teams are ultimately playing to win and qualify for the next round of the competition, mini-tournaments should also be used to foster friendship and relations between the participants. A friendly atmosphere based on mutual understanding, appreciation and respect can notably be achieved with small gestures, such as:

- joint events (meal, drinks, excursion, etc.) for the team officials;
- a small information desk service (the host media officer should be able to provide this service) providing ranking table, leading scorer list, results of other tournaments, etc.;
- organisation of an official social event at which the team officials can exchange gifts.

It is up to the host to show its hospitality skills and ensure that the visiting teams go home with fond memories of a successful and well-run mini-tournament.

ANNEX II A - MEDIA POSITIONING AT UEFA MATCHES



ANNEX II B - TV CAMERA POSITIONS

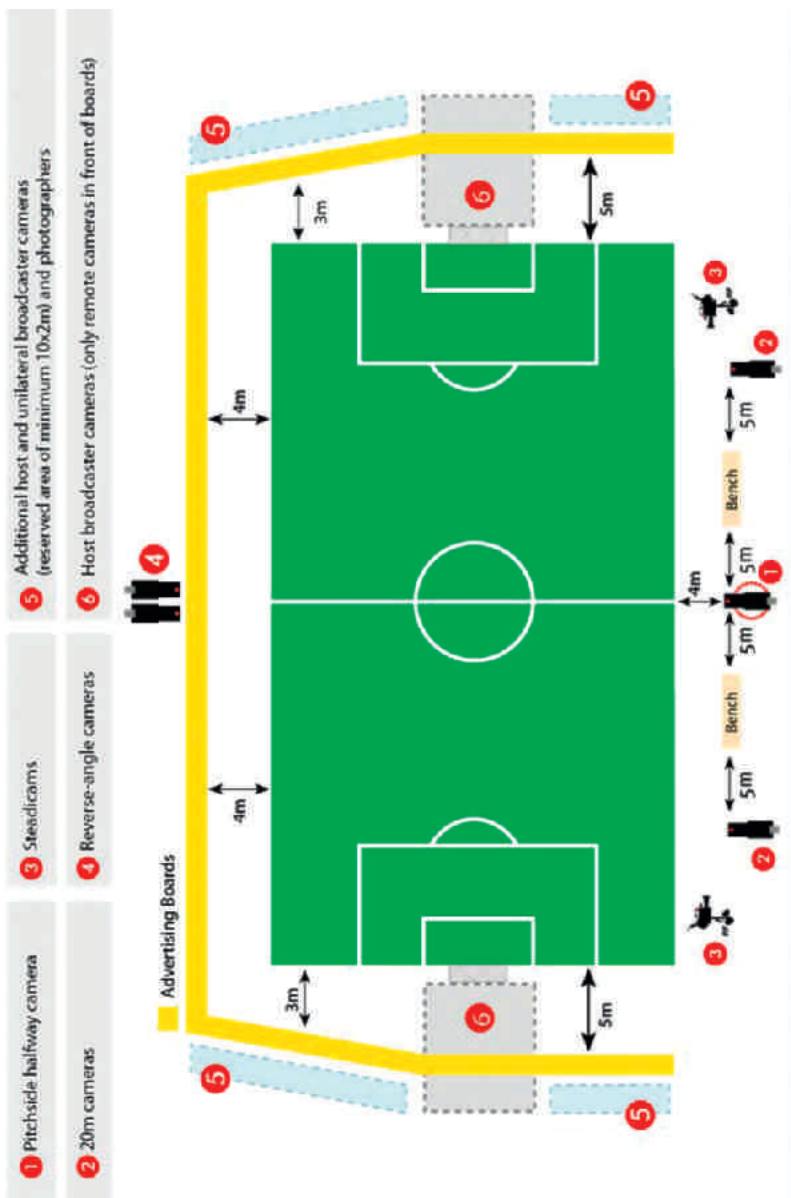


DIAGRAM SHOWS STANDARD PITCH SET-UP: ALL DETAILS SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL STADIUM CONDITIONS.

Note: Pitchside cameras to be positioned so that they do not present any danger to the players, coaches and match officials.

ANNEX III - FAIR PLAY ASSESSMENT

1. Introduction

The fair play assessment forms part of the respect campaign. Conduct according to the spirit of fair play is essential for the successful promotion and development of and involvement in sport. The objective of activities in favour of fair play is to foster a sporting spirit, as well as the sporting behaviour of players, team officials and spectators, thereby increasing the enjoyment of all those involved in the game.

For the UEFA Regions' Cup, it has been decided to award a separate Respect Fair Play trophy according to the following principles:

- a) All matches of the competition will be taken into account.
- b) The winner of the Respect fair play trophy will be determined from among the eight teams involved in the final round.
- c) At the end of the final round, the UEFA administration will produce a ranking table. Its decisions are final.
- d) A Respect fair play trophy, which remains the property of UEFA, will be presented to the winner. The trophy will remain in the possession of the winner until the following competition. The holder will be held responsible for the loss of or damage to the trophy, and must return it to the UEFA administration in perfect condition two months before the next final tournament.
- e) UEFA is responsible for engraving the name of the winner on to the trophy.
- f) The winner receives a scaled-down replica of the Respect fair play trophy which it may keep.

2. Methods of assessment

After the match, the UEFA match delegate is expected to complete a fair play assessment form in consultation with the referee and, where applicable, the referee observer. The referee confirms that fair play aspects have been duly discussed by signing the fair play assessment form.

3. Individual items on the assessment form

The assessment form identifies six criteria (items) for the evaluation of the fair play performance of the teams. Assessment should be based on positive rather than negative aspects. As a general rule, maximum assessment marks should not be awarded unless the respective teams have displayed positive attitudes.

3.1. Red and yellow cards

Deduction from a maximum of 10 points:

- yellow card 1 point
- red card 3 points

If a player who has been cautioned with a yellow card commits another offence which would normally be punishable with a yellow card, but who must be sent off for this second offence (combined yellow and red card), only the red card counts, i.e. total of 3 points to be deducted.

If, however, a player who has been cautioned with a yellow card commits another offence for which the punishment is dismissal, a total of 4 points (1+3) must be deducted.

Red and yellow cards is the only item which may take a negative value.

3.2. Positive play

- maximum 10 points
- minimum 1 point

The aim of this item is to reward positive play which is attractive for the spectators. In assessing positive play, the following aspects should be taken into consideration:

a) Positive aspects:

- attacking rather than defensive tactics
- acceleration of the game
- efforts to gain time, e.g. bringing the ball quickly back into play, even when in a winning position
- continued pursuit of goals, even if the desired result (e.g. qualification or an away draw) has already been achieved

b) Negative aspects:

- deceleration of the game
- time-wasting
- tactics based on foul play
- play-acting, etc.

In general terms, positive play correlates with the number of goal-scoring chances created and the number of goals scored.

3.3. Respect for the opponents

- maximum 5 points
- minimum 1 point

Players are expected to respect the IFAB *Laws of the Game*, the competition regulations, opponents, etc. They are also expected to ensure that fellow team members and everyone else involved in the team abide by the spirit of fair play as well.

In assessing the players' behaviour vis-à-vis the opposition, double counting against the item 'red and yellow cards' should be avoided. However, the UEFA match delegate may take into account the seriousness of the offences punished by cards, as well as offences overlooked by the referee.

Assessment should be based on positive attitudes (e.g. helping an injured opponent) rather than infringements. Blameless behaviour, but without any particularly positive attitude or gestures towards opponents, should be assessed with a mark of 4 rather than 5.

3.4. Respect for the referee team

- maximum 5 points
- minimum 1 point

Players are expected to respect the referee team as people, as well as for the decisions they take. Double counting against the item 'red and yellow cards' should be avoided. However, the UEFA match delegate may take into account the seriousness of the offences punished by cards.

A positive attitude towards the referee team should be rewarded by high marks, including the acceptance of doubtful decisions without protest. Normal behaviour, but without any particularly positive attitude or gestures with respect to the referee team, should be assessed with a mark of 4 rather than 5.

3.5. Behaviour of the team officials

- maximum 5 points
- minimum 1 point

Team officials, including coaches, are expected to make every effort to develop the sporting, technical, tactical and moral level of their team through all permitted means. They are also expected to instruct their players to behave in a manner which is in accordance with the fair play principles.

Positive and negative aspects of the behaviour of team officials should be assessed; e.g. whether they calm or provoke angry players or fans, how they accept the referee's decisions, etc. Cooperation with the media should also be considered as a factor in the assessment. Blameless behaviour, but without any particularly positive attitude or gestures, should be assessed with a mark of 4 rather than 5.

3.6. Behaviour of the crowd

- maximum 5 points
- minimum 1 point

The crowd is considered to be a natural component of a football game. The support of the fans may contribute to the success of their team. The crowd is not expected to watch the game in silence. Encouragement of teams by shouting, singing, etc. may have a positive influence on the atmosphere, in accordance with the spirit of fair play.

The spectators are, however, expected to respect the opposing team and the referee. They should appreciate the performance of the opposition, even if they emerge as the winners. They must in no way intimidate or frighten the opposing team, the referee or opposing supporters.

A maximum number of points (5) should not be awarded unless all these requirements are satisfied, especially with respect to the creation of a positive atmosphere.

This item is applicable only if a substantial number of fans of the team concerned are present. If the number of fans is negligible, 'N/A' (not applicable) should be recorded under this entry.

4. Overall assessment

4.1. The overall assessment of a team is obtained by adding up the points given for the individual items, dividing this total by the maximum number of points and multiplying the result by 10.

4.2. The maximum number of points per game generally equals 40. If, however, a given team is being supported by a negligible amount of fans, and the item "Behaviour of the crowd" is not being assessed as a result ('N/A' – see paragraph 5.6 above), the maximum number of points obtainable will be 35.

Example:

The various items for team 1 are assessed as 8+7+3+4+5+4, giving a total of 31. The general assessment will therefore be:

$$(31/40) \times 10 = 7.75$$

If team 2 had only a small number of fans, and the assessment for the other items was 7+8+2+5+2, with 24 as the total, the general assessment would be:

$$(24/35) \times 10 = 6.857$$

4.3. The general assessment should be calculated to three decimal points and not rounded up.

5. Written comments

In addition to this assessment, the UEFA match delegate should also give brief written comments on the fair play performance of the teams, to explain the positive and negative aspects which formed the basis for his assessment. This written explanation may also include outstanding individual gestures of fair play by players, officials, referees or any other persons.

ANNEX IV - APPOINTMENT OF REFEREES

1. Mini-tournament with 3 teams

UEFA appoints two referees from different countries (e.g. GER, POL), plus two assistant referees, one from each of these countries (proposed by the associations of the referees).

No referees are appointed by the host association.

If the referee has to be substituted, the fourth official will replace him.

Example: Host ESP

Match	Referee	Assistant referees	Fourth official (substitute referee)
Spain – Italy	Referee GER	Assistant GER / Assistant POL	Referee POL
Croatia – Spain	Referee POL	Assistant POL / Assistant GER	Referee GER
Italy – Croatia	Appointments made by the UEFA referee observer based on performances in the first two matches.		

2. Mini-tournament with 4 teams

UEFA appoints three referees from three different countries (e.g. GER, POL, SUI), plus three assistant referees, one from each of these countries. The three assistant referees are proposed by the associations of the three referees.

The host association appoints one substitute referee (fourth official) and one assistant referee, in principle for the entire tournament.

If the referee has to be substituted, the fourth official will replace him.

Example: Host ESP

Match	Referee	Assistant referees	Fourth official (substitute referee)
Spain – Italy	Referee GER	Assistant GER / Assistant POL	Referee POL
Croatia – Malta	Referee SUI	Assistant SUI / Assistant <i>ESP</i>	Referee <i>ESP</i>
Malta – Italy	Referee POL	Assistant POL / Assistant <i>ESP</i>	Referee <i>ESP</i>
Croatia – Spain	Referee GER	Assistant GER / Assistant SUI	Referee SUI
Italy – Croatia	Referee SUI	Assistant SUI / Assistant <i>ESP</i>	Referee <i>ESP</i>
Malta – Spain	Referee POL	Assistant POL / Assistant GER	Referee GER

3. Additional assistant referees

UEFA may decide to appoint additional assistant referees, in which case the following provisions apply:

- a) the Referees Committee decides on the criteria for the appointment of additional assistant referees for each competition stage;
- b) if a referee or an assistant referee becomes unfit before or during a match, and is unable to officiate, he is replaced by one of the additional assistant referees or the fourth official.

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