



Regulations of the UEFA European Under-17 Championship

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Preamble

Based on Article 49, paragraph 2 a) and Article 50, paragraph 1 of the *UEFA Statutes*, the following regulations have been adopted.

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 UEFA European Under-17 Championship (hereinafter the Competition).

II Participation Conditions

Article 2

- 2.01 UEFA stages the Competition every year. The Competition is open to all UEFA member associations and takes place only if at least 26 member associations have entered.
- 2.02 Only entries submitted to the UEFA Administration within the prescribed deadline and on the official entry form will be accepted.

Duties

- 2.03 The national associations undertake, when registering their entries, to confirm to UEFA in writing that they, their players, and officials agree to abide at all times by the Statutes, regulations and decisions of UEFA and to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland), as provided in the relevant provisions of the *UEFA Statutes*.
- 2.04 Accordingly, on entering the Competition, the national associations undertake, in particular:
- a) to stage all matches in the Competition in accordance with the present regulations, and to field their strongest teams;
 - b) to comply with the provisions of the *UEFA Binding Safety and Security Instructions* (2004 edition);
 - c) to observe the principles of fair play (see fair play definition in Annex II).
- A fair play competition will be staged, based only on the matches in the final round.

FIFA U-17 World Cup

- 2.05 When the final round takes place in an uneven year, the UEFA European Under-17 Championship counts as the European qualifying competition for the FIFA U-17 World Cup.

III Cup and Medals

Article 3

Cup

- 3.01 A challenge cup donated by UEFA is presented to the winning association for one year. The holders are responsible for the loss of or any damage to the cup, and must return it to the UEFA Administration in perfect condition two months before the next final round. UEFA is responsible for engraving the cup with the name of the winning association. The challenge cup becomes the permanent property of any association that wins it three consecutive times or five times in ten years. Once a cycle of three successive wins or five in total has been completed, the association concerned starts a new cycle from zero.
- 3.02 If, for any reason, the Competition cannot take place, the cup must be returned to the UEFA Administration.

Replica

- 3.03 The winner of the Competition also receives a scaled-down replica of the challenge cup, which it may keep.
- 3.04 The winner of the Competition may make one additional copy of the challenge cup, provided the copy is clearly marked as a replica and does not exceed four fifths of the size of the original.
- 3.05 The winner of the fair play competition receives a scaled-down replica of the Fair Play Trophy which it may keep.

Medals

- 3.06 Thirty gold medals are presented to the winning team and thirty silver medals to the runners-up. Additional medals may not be produced.

Commemorative items

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

Special awards

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

IV Organisation - Responsibilities

Article 4

UEFA Organisation

- 4.01 The UEFA Chief Executive (hereinafter CEO) is the highest operational management organ. He is responsible for all decisions concerning the

present regulations, except for matters concerning control and discipline. The CEO delegates some of his duties to the UEFA Administration or relevant bodies, in accordance with paragraph 4.02.

- 4.02 The following bodies are competent for matters related to the Competition:
- a) The Youth and Amateur Football Committee (hereinafter the Committee) supports the CEO in an advisory capacity on all competition-related matters.
 - b) The Referees Committee deals with all matters connected with refereeing (Article 18).
 - c) The Medical Committee is responsible for all medicine-related matters.
 - d) The Anti-Doping Panel is responsible for all anti-doping matters (Article 24).
 - e) The Fair Play and Ethics Panel deals with all matters concerning fair play (Annex II).
- 4.03 The UEFA Administration manages the Competition according to these regulations.
- 4.04 The disciplinary bodies deal with matters concerning control and discipline in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*, which apply accordingly.

UEFA responsibilities

- 4.05 UEFA shall be responsible for the overall coordination of the Competition, covering, among other aspects, the promotion and administration of the Competition, the entry procedure and authorisation to take part, the match system, refereeing, control and disciplinary matters, and the exploitation of the commercial rights as defined in Chapter XV.

Responsibilities of the competing associations

- 4.06 The associations are responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out a function at a match on their behalf.
- 4.07 If necessary, competing national associations must apply for visas from the local diplomatic mission of the host country well in advance.
- 4.08 Unless special permission is granted by UEFA, the teams and/or players participating in the final round are not allowed to play any other matches in the host country until the end of the final round. Similarly, players selected for the final round are restricted from playing in any other match, in the host country or elsewhere, while their team is still involved in the final round.
- 4.09 For non-commercial promotional and/or editorial purposes and/or as reasonably designated by UEFA, participating associations shall grant UEFA the right to use and authorise others to use photographic, audio-visual and visual material of the team, players and officials (including their names,

relevant statistics, data and images), as well as the association's name, logo, emblem and team shirt (including references to the shirt sponsors and kit manufacturers). All material shall be provided free of charge, for worldwide use and for the full duration of any rights. No direct association will be made by UEFA between individual players or associations and any commercial partner. On request, participating associations must supply UEFA – free of charge – with all appropriate material as well as the necessary documentation required to allow UEFA to use and exploit such rights in accordance with this paragraph.

Responsibilities of the host association

- 4.10 The host association is the national association of a country where matches in the qualifying, elite and/or final rounds are staged.
- 4.11 In conjunction with UEFA, and in accordance with the following stipulations (Annex I in particular), a host association makes appropriate arrangements for the staging of these matches.
- 4.12 The host association is responsible for order and security before, during and after each match it hosts. The host association may be called to account for incidents of any kind and may be disciplined.
- 4.13 In all cases, the host association exempts UEFA from any claims for damages or liability resulting from its obligations as host association as set forth in these regulations.
- 4.14 Contracts required for the staging of matches are concluded by the host association in its own name and on its own account, as are agreements reached with government authorities.
- 4.15 The host association of the final round undertakes to observe the present regulations as well as the staging agreement signed with UEFA. The host association is responsible for all match-related organisational tasks and will fully respect any and all rights granted by UEFA to third parties in connection with the final round.
- 4.16 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 and events during the three days prior to the tournament or during the event itself.

V Insurance

Article 5

General principles

- 5.01 All persons involved in the Competition (qualifying, elite and final rounds) are responsible for their own insurance coverage.

- 5.02 Participating teams are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance coverage for their delegations, including players and officials, at their own expense for the whole duration of the Competition.
- 5.03 The host association is responsible for ensuring that the stadium owner and/or tenant in question concludes a fully comprehensive insurance policy. If appropriate insurance policies are not provided by the stadium owner and/or tenant in due time, the host association concludes the necessary additional insurance cover at its own cost, failing which it may be concluded by UEFA at the host association's expense.
- 5.04 Claims for damages against UEFA are expressly excluded and anyone involved shall 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 confirmation and/or copies of the policies concerned in one of UEFA's official languages.

A. Qualifying and elite rounds

- 5.05 Host associations must conclude – with reputable insurers and at their own cost – all necessary insurance in connection with staging and organising a tournament, including, but not limited to, third-party liability coverage, and are responsible for ensuring that UEFA is included as a co-insured party.
- 5.06 The third-party liability policy must include an appropriate guaranteed sum for damage (including, but not limited to, bad weather and force majeure) to persons, objects, property, and pure economic losses, and must correspond to the specific circumstances of the associations concerned.

B. Final round

- 5.07 The host association staging the final tournament must conclude adequate insurance coverage for all of its risks arising under these regulations at its own expense, in accordance with its respective responsibilities, as set out in article 4 of these regulations and in the staging agreement.
- 5.08 UEFA will conclude insurance coverage in accordance with its respective responsibilities, as set out in the staging agreement.

VI Competition System

Article 6

Phases of the competition

- 6.01 The Competition consists of the qualifying round, elite round and final round.

6.02 Participating associations will be divided up as follows:

- The host association of the final round – Turkey – qualifies automatically for the final round.
- Based on the current coefficient rankings, the top three teams will join the Competition in the elite round. This bye applies to Spain, England and Russia.
- The remaining teams will contest the qualifying round.

A. Qualifying round, elite round

Group formations

6.03 The 48 associations participating in the qualifying round are drawn into 12 groups of four teams each.

6.04 For the draw for the qualifying round, the UEFA Administration establishes coefficient rankings based on sporting results of the last three seasons as well as the draw procedure.

6.05 The three promoted teams, the 12 group winners, the 12 runners-up and the best third-ranked team from the qualifying round play the elite round.

6.06 To determine the best third-placed team from the qualifying round, only the results of the third-placed team against the winners and runners-up in each group will be taken into account and the following criteria will apply in the order given:

- a) higher number of points obtained in these matches;
- b) superior goal difference from these matches;
- c) higher number of goals scored in these matches;
- d) fair play conduct of the teams in all group matches in the qualifying round;
- e) drawing of lots.

6.07 A draw for the elite round will be conducted to place the 28 participating associations into seven groups of four teams each. The UEFA Administration will establish the draw procedure and communicate it prior to the draw.

Match system

6.08 All matches of the qualifying and elite rounds must be played in the form of mini-tournaments hosted by one of the associations in a given 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

- 6.09 If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied 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) to several teams, two teams are still equal, criteria a) to c) will be reapplied to rank the two teams. If this procedure does not produce a result, criteria e) and f) will be applied.
 - e) Results of all group matches:
 - 1. Superior goal difference.
 - 2. Higher number of goals scored.
 - f) Drawing of lots.
- 6.10 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 rankings will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark (Article 15) and not by the criteria listed under 6.09 a) to f). This procedure is only necessary if the teams have to be ranked to determine the group winner or the team which qualifies for the next round, as the case may be.

Drawing of lots

- 6.11 If, on completion of a mini-tournament, the drawing of lots is required, this will take place at the teams' hotel after the last match. The lots will be drawn by the official UEFA delegate, and the heads of delegation or team representatives must sign a document stating that they accept the result of this draw.

Article 7

Announcement of the host association

- 7.01 The national associations hosting mini-tournaments must be confirmed and communicated to the visiting teams and the UEFA Administration in writing by the set deadline. If no host association can be found or if no agreement can be reached by the four teams concerned by the set deadline, the principles stated in Annex I, point 1 will apply.

Match dates

- 7.02 The host associations must inform the UEFA Administration of all match dates by the set deadline. If no agreement can be reached by the four teams concerned by the set deadline, the principles stated in Annex I, point 2 will apply.
- 7.03 Qualifying round matches must be played between 1 July and 31 October 2007.
- 7.04 Elite round matches must, in principle, be played by the end of March 2008.

Match venues

- 7.05 Match venues will be fixed by the host association and announced to its opponents and the UEFA Administration at least 60 days prior to the start of the mini-tournament.
- 7.06 The host association must ensure that all tournament hotels are easily accessible. Unless the visiting delegations give their approval, no tournament hotel may be situated more than a two-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 teams concerned agree otherwise, no match venue should be located more than a one-hour drive from any tournament hotel.

Kick-off times

- 7.07 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 match day in mini-tournaments must kick off at the same time.
- 7.08 Unless the UEFA Administration grants special approval, associations are not allowed to fix kick-off times before 11.00 hours or after 21.00 hours (local time).

Arrival of the teams

- 7.09 Teams must arrive at the tournament venue one day prior to 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.

Article 8

B. Final round

- 8.01 As a general rule, the final round is played as a tournament. Eight teams take part. The host country qualifies automatically. The seven group winners of the elite round qualify.

- 8.02 The Executive Committee has entrusted Turkey with the organisation and staging of the final round.
- 8.03 The final round will take place in May 2008. The exact dates will be confirmed by the UEFA Administration.
- 8.04 If the final round cannot be played as a tournament, the UEFA Administration will decide on the playing system.

Local organising committee

- 8.05 The host association will set up a local organising committee (LOC), which will be responsible for the following:
- proposing match venues and stadiums to the UEFA Administration;
 - making all necessary arrangements for the staging of the matches;
 - adhering to the financial provisions as per Article 26 of these regulations.

Fixture list

- 8.06 The UEFA Administration, in conjunction with the LOC, whom it will consult in this regard, is responsible for drawing up the fixture list as well as establishing the venues and kick-off times of the matches.

Group formations

- 8.07 A draw will be conducted by the UEFA Administration in the country of the host association to allocate the eight teams into two groups of four.
- 8.08 The two groups will be formed as follows:

Group A: Teams A1, A2, A3 and A4
Group B: Teams B1, B2, B3 and B4

Match system

- 8.09 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. The group matches will be played according to the following schedule. The last two matches in each group must kick off at the same time.

Group A:

Match day 1	Match day 2	Match day 3
A1 v A2	A1 v A3	A4 v A1
A3 v A4	A2 v A4	A2 v A3

Group B:

Match day 1	Match day 2	Match day 3
B1 v B2	B1 v B3	B4 v B1
B3 v B4	B2 v B4	B2 v B3

The first-named team will be considered as the home team.

Tournament programme

8.10 The final tournament will, in principle, be played according to the following schedule:

- 1st day: Arrival of participating teams and appointed referees
- 2nd day: Tournament organisational meeting
- 3rd day: Match day 1
- 4th day: Rest day
- 5th day: Rest day
- 6th day: Match day 2
- 7th day: Rest day
- 8th day: Rest day
- 9th day: Match day 3
Farewell dinner
- 10th day: Departure of eliminated teams
Rest day for the other teams
- 11th day: Rest day
- 12th day: Semi-finals
- 13th day: Departure of the eliminated teams
Rest day for the other teams
- 14th day: Rest day
- 15th day: Final
- 16th day: Departure

Equality of points

8.11 If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied 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) to several teams, two teams are still equal, criteria a) to c) will be reapplied to rank the two teams. If this procedure does not produce a result, criteria e) to g) will be applied.

- e) Results of all group matches:
 - 1. Superior goal difference.
 - 2. Higher number of goals scored.
 - f) Fair play ranking of the teams in question (only final round).
 - g) Drawing of lots.
- 8.12 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 rankings will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark (Article 15) and not by the criteria listed under 8.11 a) to g). This procedure is only necessary if the teams have to be ranked to determine the group winner or the team which qualifies for the next stage, as the case may be.

Semi-finals

- 8.13 The group winners and runners-up contest the semi-finals according to the cup (knock-out) system, as follows:

Semi-final 1: Winner Group A v Runner-up Group B

Semi-final 2: Winner Group B v Runner-up Group A

Final

- 8.14 The winning semi-finalists contest the final as follows:

Winner semi-final 1 v Winner semi-final 2

Same number of goals in the final or a semi-final

- 8.15 If the scores are level at the end of normal time in the final or a semi-final, extra time consisting of two periods of 10 minutes will be played. If the two teams are still equal after extra time, the winners will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark (see Article 15).

VII Refusal to play and similar cases

Article 9

- 9.01 In the case of an association's refusal to play or if a match cannot take place at all or cannot be played in full through the fault of an association, the Control and Disciplinary Body will take a decision in the matter.
- 9.02 The Control and Disciplinary Body can, among other measures, validate the result as it stood at the moment when the match was abandoned if the score was to the detriment of the association responsible for the match being abandoned.

- 9.03 In all cases, the Control and Disciplinary Body can impose disciplinary measures, if the circumstances so justify, including the awarding of the match by default and/or disqualification from the Competition.
- 9.04 An association which refuses to play also loses all rights to payments from UEFA.
- 9.05 Upon receipt of a justified and well-documented request from an association concerned, the UEFA Administration may set an amount of compensation for financial loss.

VIII Stadiums and Match Organisation

Article 10

Stadium conditions

- 10.01 Stadiums must be in good condition in terms of both their playing surface and facilities, fully comply with the *Laws of the Game* and conform to the security regulations of the competent civil authorities.
- 10.02 Temporary stands may not be used for the matches in this Competition.
- 10.03 Changing and personal hygiene facilities for players and referees must meet current requirements, namely:
- separate, clean and properly maintained shower facilities (at least five showers per team and minimum of one shower for the referees);
 - individual and separate (from those intended for supporters) seated toilets for the teams and referees;
 - sufficiently large dressing rooms for the delegations (at least 25 seats and one massage table per delegation);
 - a sufficiently large dressing room for the referees (at least five seats and a desk);
 - a room for doping controls which complies with the requirements of the *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*.

Safety

- 10.04 The UEFA Administration requires a completed questionnaire and UEFA safety certificate from each host association for each stadium. This questionnaire, together with the safety certificate, must be submitted to the UEFA Administration at least 30 days prior to the match.
- 10.05 In the interests of the safety of players and match officials, host associations must provide access to the field of play that guarantees the safe entry and exit of these persons.

Artificial turf

- 10.06 In accordance with Law 1 of the *Laws of the Game*, matches may be played on artificial turf, provided that such artificial turf meets all of the following conditions:
- a) the artificial turf meets any of the applicable FIFA quality standards for artificial turf, currently corresponding to the "FIFA Recommended 2-Star Standard", "FIFA Recommended 1-Star Standard" or "International Artificial Turf Standard" in accordance with the "FIFA Quality Concept - Handbook of Test Methods and Requirements for Artificial Turf Football Surfaces" dated February 2005 as well as all requirements under the applicable national laws and regulations;
 - b) the artificial turf has passed all the necessary tests (laboratory and field tests) and has obtained the required FIFA licence;
 - c) the artificial turf has passed all the necessary yearly tests, conducted by a FIFA accredited laboratory, confirming that it still meets the applicable FIFA quality standards;
 - d) the surface of the artificial turf must be of a green colour;
 - e) the use of artificial turf meets any other requirements set out in these regulations with regard to the field of play and the stadium.
- 10.07 National associations wishing to play on artificial turf must provide the UEFA Administration with a copy of the "FIFA Recommended 2-Star Standard", "FIFA Recommended 1-Star Standard" or "International Artificial Turf Standard" field test certificate confirming that the artificial turf still meets the applicable FIFA quality standards by the deadline set for the announcement of match venues. This certificate must have been issued by a FIFA accredited laboratory within the 12 months before the match in question.
- 10.08 The owner of the artificial turf and the hosting national association are fully responsible for meeting the above requirements, in particular those related to:
- maintenance work and ongoing improvement measures; and
 - safety and environment measures as set out in "FIFA Quality Concept - Handbook of Test Methods and Requirements for Artificial Turf Football Surfaces".
- 10.09 The owner of the artificial turf and the hosting national 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.
- 10.10 UEFA cannot be held responsible for any damages to third parties resulting from the use of the artificial turf.

Floodlights

- 10.11 Matches may be played in daylight or under floodlights.
- 10.12 Evening matches may only be played at stadiums equipped with floodlight installations which comply with the standard values set by UEFA (see booklet *Guidelines and Recommendations for Floodlighting for all UEFA Competitions, 2004 edition*). Exceptions may be granted by the UEFA Administration.

Clocks

- 10.13 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 40 and 80 minutes respectively. This stipulation also applies in the event of extra time (i.e. after 10 and 20 minutes).

Match balls

- 10.14 Balls must conform to the requirements laid down in the *Laws of the Game*.
- 10.15 For qualifying and elite round matches as well as training sessions, balls must be provided by the host association.
- 10.16 Balls used for matches and training sessions in the final round will, in principle, be supplied by UEFA.

Article 11

Cancellation of a mini-tournament

- 11.01 If the host association has to cancel a mini-tournament, it must notify the visiting teams, the referees and the UEFA representatives prior to their departure. Otherwise, the host association is responsible for their travel, board and lodging expenses. The UEFA Administration must be notified at the same time. The UEFA Administration will take a decision regarding the rescheduling of the mini-tournament.

Unfit fields of play, bad weather

- 11.02 If any doubt arises as to the condition of the field of play after the visiting teams' departures from home, the referee will decide on the field of play itself whether or not it is fit for play.
- 11.03 If a referee declares that the match cannot commence because the field is not fit for play, or because of the weather conditions, the match must, in principle, be played the following day. Such re-arranged fixtures are subject to the approval of the UEFA Administration.

Match abandoned

- 11.04 If a match is abandoned before the end of normal time, or during any extra time because the field is not fit for play, or because of the weather conditions, an 80-minute replay must, in principle, be played the following day. In consultation with the associations concerned, the match may, however, be

played on another date set by the UEFA Administration within two hours of the referee's decision to abandon the match. In case of dispute, the UEFA Administration will fix the date and the kick-off time of the match. This decision will be final.

Force majeure

- 11.05 If the match cannot commence or is abandoned, for reasons of force majeure, before the end of normal time or during any extra time, an 80-minute replay must be played on a new date set by the UEFA Administration. This decision will be final.

Expenses

- 11.06 If a match or an entire mini-tournament has to be abandoned after the teams have arrived at the venue, the travel, board and lodging expenses of the visiting teams, as well as the relevant hosting costs, are borne by the associations concerned in equal parts.

Article 12

Match arrangements

- 12.01 The UEFA, FIFA and UEFA Fair Play flags, as well as the flags of the teams taking part in the match, must be flown in the stadium at all the matches in the Competition. In addition, the flag of the national association, region or city in which the match is being played may be flown. The national anthems of both teams involved must be played.
- 12.02 At all matches in the Competition, the players are invited to shake hands with their opponents and the referees after the line-up procedure as well as after the final whistle, as a gesture of fair play.
- 12.03 Only six team officials and the 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.
- 12.04 Smoking is not allowed in the technical area during the match. Any violation of this rule will be reported to the Control and Disciplinary Body.
- 12.05 An adequate number of ground staff and police must be present to guarantee safety and security in the stadium.
- 12.06 The host association must ensure that an appropriate medical service is provided at matches, including a stretcher and a sufficient number of stretcher-bearers, an ambulance and stand-by medical personnel. Stretchers should be kept by the substitutes' benches.
- 12.07 No spectators are allowed in the area between the stands and the touch line or goal line.
- 12.08 An adequate number of complimentary and purchase tickets must be reserved for the visiting associations.

- 12.09 The UEFA representatives and at least four representatives of the visiting associations must be seated in the best category of seats.

Media arrangements

- 12.10 If teams arrange a training session before a match played in this Competition, it has to be open to media representatives (TV and radio representatives, written press, website journalists and photographers) for at least 15 minutes, irrespective of whether it is held at the stadium where the match is to be played or not.
- 12.11 An adequate number of seats - covered, if available, and in principle at least half of them equipped with desks, telephone points and modem plugs - must be put at the disposal of local and foreign media representatives.
- 12.12 No representatives of the written press or radio journalists are allowed in the playing area or the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators.
- 12.13 In terms of the mass media, only a limited number of photographers, TV cameramen, and the personnel required to operate an electronic television camera of the host broadcaster - all equipped with special permits for the event - are allowed in the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators, where they will carry out their work in the specific locations assigned to them (Annex III).
- 12.14 If applicable, the post-match press conference at the venue should start no later than 15 minutes after the final whistle. Both teams are obliged to make their team manager/coach and one or two players available for this press conference.
- 12.15 After the match, 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.
- 12.16 The team dressing rooms are off-limits to representatives of the media before, during and after the match.

IX Laws of the Game

Article 13

- 13.01 Matches are played in conformity with the *Laws of the Game* promulgated by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).
- 13.02 Each match lasts 2 x 40 minutes.

Substitution of players

- 13.03 The substitution of three players per team is permitted in the course of the match. The use of numbered panels to indicate the substitution of players is

compulsory. For ease of information, the panels must be numbered on both sides.

- 13.04 During the game, substitute players are allowed to leave the technical area to warm up. At the pre-match organisational meeting, the referee determines exactly where they should warm up (behind the first assistant referee or behind the advertising boards behind the goal) and how many are allowed to warm up simultaneously. Three substitutes per team must be allowed to warm up at the same time; if space so permits, the referee can allow the seven substitutes of each team to warm up simultaneously in the determined area.

Match sheet

- 13.05 Before the match, each team receives a match sheet on which the numbers, full names, dates of birth and, if applicable, the nicknames of the 18 players in the squad must be indicated, together with the full names of the officials seated on the substitutes' bench. The match sheet must be properly completed in block capitals and signed by the captain and the competent team official.
- 13.06 The 11 first-named players must commence the match. The other seven players 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.
- 13.07 Both teams must hand their match sheets to the referee at least 60 minutes before kick-off.
- 13.08 If the match sheet is not completed and returned in time, the matter will be submitted to the Control and Disciplinary Body.
- 13.09 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.
- 13.10 If there are fewer than seven players on either of the teams, the match is abandoned. In this case, the Control and Disciplinary Body decides on the consequences.

Replacement of players on the match sheet

- 13.11 After the match sheets have been completed and signed by both teams and returned to the referee, the following instructions apply up to kick-off time:
- a) If any of the first 11 players listed on the match sheet are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the seven substitutes. Such replacements reduce the quota of substitute players accordingly. During the match, three players may still be replaced.

- b) If any of the seven substitutes listed on the match sheet are not able to be fielded for any reason, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute players is reduced accordingly.
- c) If a goalkeeper listed on the match sheet is not able to be fielded for any reason, he may be replaced by another goalkeeper not previously listed on the match sheet.

Article 14

Half-time interval, break before extra time

- 14.01 The half-time interval lasts 15 minutes. If extra time is required, there will be 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 15

Kicks from the penalty mark

- 15.01 For matches where the winners need to be decided by kicks from the penalty mark the procedure laid down in the *Laws of the Game* applies.
- 15.02 The referee decides which goal will be used for the kicks from the penalty mark:
- For reasons of safety/security, state of the field of play, lighting or any 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.
 - If he considers that both goals 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.
- 15.03 To ensure that the procedure is strictly observed, the referee is assisted by the assistant referees and the fourth official, 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 *Laws of the Game*.
- 15.04 If the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for other reasons of force majeure, the results will be decided by the drawing of lots by the referee in the presence of the official UEFA delegate and the two team captains.
- 15.05 If through the fault of a team, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed, paragraphs 9.01 to 9.03 of the present regulations shall apply.

X Players

Article 16

- 16.01 Each national association must select its Under-17 team from players who are holding the nationality of its country and who comply with the provisions of Article 15 of the *Regulations governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes*.

Player eligibility

- 16.02 Players are eligible to play in the 2007/08 UEFA European Under-17 Championship if they were born on or after 1 January 1991. The national associations are responsible for compliance with this provision.

Identification

- 16.03 A player taking part in the Competition must be in possession of a valid passport or identity card of the country for which he is playing, 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.
- 16.04 For identification purposes, the official UEFA delegate will arrange a visual check of each player participating in a mini-tournament or the final round of this Competition. As a rule, this procedure should take place during a meal at the team's accommodation before the first match in a mini-tournament or the final round. Only one such check will be conducted.

List of 18 players (provisional) for the qualifying and elite rounds

- 16.05 For the purpose of pre-registration, each competing national association must provide the UEFA Administration with a provisional list of no more than 18 players, indicating the surname, first name, shirt name (if applicable), shirt number, club and date of birth of each player. The name of the coach must also be indicated on the list. This list must be submitted to the UEFA Administration at least seven full days before the start of the mini-tournament.
- 16.06 Amendments to this list are allowed until the final 18-player list is submitted to the official UEFA delegate.

List of 18 players (final) for the qualifying and elite rounds

- 16.07 Before the start of a mini-tournament, the UEFA Administration will provide all participating teams with a form which must be completed with the surname, first name, shirt name (if applicable), shirt number, club and date of birth of the 18 players selected for the mini-tournament.
- 16.08 Only the 18 players named on the final 18-player list are entitled to play in the tournament. With the exception of goalkeepers, who may be replaced only upon submission of medical evidence written in one of the three official UEFA languages, no player can be replaced during the tournament. In cases

of particular hardship and upon reasoned request, the CEO may grant exceptions.

- 16.09 For age and identity verification, this final list must be submitted to the official UEFA delegate with each player's passport or identity card the day before the start of the mini-tournament. A meeting with the UEFA representatives and the heads of delegation of the participating teams will be held for this purpose.
- 16.10 The 18 players must wear set numbers between 1 and 99. No number may be used by more than one player in the course of a mini-tournament.
- 16.11 For all matches played in a given mini-tournament, players must wear the number indicated on the final 18-player list.

List of 30 players (provisional) for the final round

- 16.12 Each competing national association must provide the UEFA Administration with a list of no more than 30 players indicating the surname, first name, shirt name (if applicable), shirt number, club and date of birth of each player. This list must be submitted to the UEFA Administration at least 20 full days before the first match in the final round. After this deadline, no changes to the list will be accepted. Upon receipt of the list, the UEFA Administration will forward one copy to each participating association.

Protests against the eligibility of players

- 16.13 Protests against the eligibility of players on this list of 30 players must be submitted to the UEFA Administration eight full days before the first match in the final round.

List of 18 players (final) for the final round

- 16.14 Only 18 of the players on the list of 30 players are allowed to play in the final round.
- 16.15 Before the start of the final round, the UEFA Administration will provide all participating teams with a form which must be completed with the surname, first name, shirt name (if applicable), shirt number, club, date of birth of the 18 players selected for the final round, the surname and first name of the head coach, and the names and functions of the officials seated on the substitutes' bench.
- 16.16 For age and identity verification, this final list must be submitted to the official UEFA delegate with each player's passport or identity card the day before the team's first match. A meeting with the UEFA representatives and the heads of delegation of the participating teams will be held for this purpose.
- 16.17 If any of the 18 players on the list is seriously injured before the team's first match in the final round, or in the case of force majeure, the UEFA Administration may allow him to be replaced.

- 16.18 Injured or sick goalkeepers and a maximum of two injured or sick outfield players may be replaced upon submission of medical evidence written in one of the three official UEFA languages and approved by the UEFA doctor on duty at the final round. In cases of particular hardship and upon a reasoned request, the CEO may grant exceptions. Replaced goalkeepers or outfield players can take no further part in the final round.
- 16.19 The 18 players must wear set numbers between 1 and 99. No number may be used by more than one player in the course of the final round.
- 16.20 For all matches played in the final round, players must wear the number indicated on the final list of 18 players.

Responsibility

- 16.21 The national associations are responsible for ensuring that the aforementioned provisions concerning player eligibility and lists of players are observed.
- 16.22 The UEFA Administration decides on questions of player eligibility. In the event of disputes, the decision of the Control and Disciplinary Body is final.

XI Kit

Article 17

UEFA Kit Regulations

- 17.01 The *UEFA Kit regulations* apply to any kit (sports equipment) used in the stadium during the entire Competition.

Kit approval procedure

- 17.02 At least four weeks before its team's first match, each association taking part in the qualifying and/or elite rounds must submit a complete set of its first-choice and second-choice kit (shirt, shorts and socks) to the UEFA Administration for approval, together with the official kit application form. If the participating teams are playing in kits identical to those already approved for another UEFA competition, only a copy of the official kit application form with a request to use the same kit for this Competition needs to be submitted.
- 17.03 If the kit used in the final round is different from that used for the qualifying or elite rounds, a sample of the first-choice and second-choice kit (shirt, shorts and socks) must be submitted to the UEFA Administration for approval together with the official kit application form at least two weeks before the start of the final round.

Disclaimer

- 17.04 UEFA accepts no responsibility or liability in the event of conflicts arising from contracts between an association and its sponsors and/or an association and a manufacturer on account of the provisions of the *UEFA Kit*

Regulations regarding the sponsor advertising and/or the manufacturer identification.

XII Referees

Article 18

- 18.01 The *General Terms and Conditions for Referees* apply to match officials appointed for this Competition.

Appointments for the qualifying and elite rounds

- 18.02 The Referees Committee, in cooperation with the UEFA Administration, appoints a referee for each match. Only referees from the official FIFA list of referees are eligible. Assistant referees are appointed by the national association of the referee, in accordance with criteria established by the Referees Committee. The host association may be requested to appoint match officials. All costs related to these local officials (e.g. daily allowances, travel costs) are borne by the host association (see Annex IV, "Appointment of Referees").

Appointments for the final round

- 18.03 On completion of the elite round, the Referees Committee appoints referees and assistant referees for the final round.
- 18.04 The host association appoints two fourth officials.

Arrival

- 18.05 Referees and assistant referees must arrive at the venue the day before the start of the mini-tournament.

Late arrival

- 18.06 If the referee and/or assistant referees do 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 UEFA Administration will take the appropriate decisions. If the UEFA Administration decides to replace the referee and/or assistant referees and/or fourth official, such a decision is final, and no protests against the person or nationality of the referee and/or assistant referees and/or fourth official are allowed.

Unfit referee

- 18.07 If a referee becomes unfit before or during a match through illness, injury, or any other reason and is unable to continue to officiate, the designated substitute referee (see Annex IV) will replace the referee. If an assistant referee is unable to continue, the fourth official will replace him. If there is any exception to this general rule, the UEFA Administration will inform the associations concerned.

Referee's report

- 18.08 Directly after the match, the referee completes an official report, signs it and faxes it to the UEFA Administration (+41 848 03 27 27) with both match sheets. In addition, the originals must be sent by post within 24 hours of the end of the match. The referee must always keep a copy of his report and both match sheets.
- 18.09 On his report, the referee reports in as much detail as possible on any incidents before, during and after the match, such as:
- a) misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion;
 - b) unsporting behaviour by officials, members, supporters, or anyone carrying out a function at a match on behalf of an association;
 - c) any other incidents.
- 18.10 During the final round, the referee must hand his report and both match sheets to the official UEFA delegate immediately after the match.

XIII Disciplinary Law and Procedures – Doping

Article 19

UEFA Disciplinary Regulations

- 19.01 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.
- 19.02 Participating players agree to observe at all times the *UEFA Statutes*, regulations and decisions of UEFA and to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland), as provided in the relevant provisions of the *UEFA Statutes*. Accordingly, players undertake in particular:
- a) to comply with the *Laws of the Game*;
 - b) respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence, and behave accordingly;
 - c) refrain from any activities that endanger the integrity of the UEFA competitions or bring the sport of football into disrepute;
 - d) refrain from anti-doping rule violations as defined by the *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*.

Article 20

Yellow and red cards

- 20.01 As a rule, a player who is sent off the field of play is suspended for the next match in the Competition unless there is evidence of an obvious mistake by

the referee. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to increase this punishment in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*.

- 20.02 In the case of repeated cautions in different matches, the offending player is suspended for one match in the same category of competition as from the second and fourth caution, as well as after any subsequent cautions. The Control and Disciplinary Body will confirm the first and third caution.
- 20.03 Single yellow cards that have not resulted in a suspension expire on completion of the elite round and are not carried forward to the final round.

Article 21

Declaration of protests

- 21.01 Member associations are entitled to protest. The party protested against and the disciplinary inspector have party status.
- 21.02 Protests must reach the Control and Disciplinary Body in writing, stating the reasons, within 12 hours of a match.
- 21.03 This 12-hour time limit cannot be extended.
- 21.04 The protest fee is CHF 1,000. It must be paid at the same time as the protest is filed.

Article 22

Reasons for protest

- 22.01 A protest is directed against the validity of a match result. It is based on a player's eligibility to play, a decisive breach of the regulations by the referee, or other incidents influencing the match.
- 22.02 Protests concerning the state of the field of play must be submitted to the referee in writing by the relevant official before the match. If the state of the field of play becomes questionable in the course of the match, the team captain must inform the referee, in the presence of the captain of the opposing team, orally without delay.
- 22.03 Protests cannot be lodged against factual decisions taken by the referee.
- 22.04 A protest against a caution or expulsion from the field of play after two cautions is admissible only if the referee's error was to mistake the identity of the player.

Article 23

Appeals

- 23.01 The Appeals Body deals with appeals lodged against decisions of the Control and Disciplinary Body. The *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations* apply.

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 in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*. This may include the imposition of provisional measures.
- 24.03 UEFA may test any player at any time.
- 24.04 The national associations undertake to ensure that the form *Acknowledgment and Agreement* (see Annex V) is duly completed and signed for each minor participating in the Competition before the beginning of the Competition. The forms shall be kept by the national associations and submitted to UEFA upon request.
- 24.05 The national associations undertake to verify in accordance with their respective domestic laws who is considered a minor and what requirements the form has to fulfil to be legally binding.

XIV Financial Provisions

Article 25

- 25.01 No levy is paid to UEFA for matches in this Competition.
- 25.02 The amounts paid by UEFA correspond to gross amounts. As such they cover any and all taxes, deductions and charges.

A. Qualifying and elite rounds

- 25.03 The host association of a mini-tournament retains its revenue and bears all organisational costs as described in Annex I.
- 25.04 The host association bears the costs of board and lodging of the visiting teams (for a maximum of 24 persons per delegation) as well as any costs related to the transport of the visiting teams within the host association's territory (see Annex I, point 9).
- 25.05 The host association bears the costs of board and lodging of the UEFA representatives i.e. referees, official UEFA delegate, UEFA referee observer and, if applicable, the tournament administrator, as well as their transport within the host association's territory. The international travel expenses and daily allowances of these persons 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 The visiting teams cover their international travel expenses to and from the mini-tournament venue.

- 25.08 The UEFA Administration will charge each travelling association a flat amount of CHF 25,000, which will be credited to the host association to help cover the financial demands connected with the staging of the mini-tournament, in accordance with the present regulations.
- 25.09 In addition, UEFA will credit the host association with a further CHF 25,000 to cover the costs related to the UEFA representatives (see 25.05 above) as well as any costs incurred during a possible preliminary site visit.

Article 26

B. Final round

- 26.01 As a rule, the host association of the final round is entitled to keep revenue from the sale of tickets and certain concessions duly approved by UEFA in advance (such as official programme, posters and catering), and bears the following expenses:
- a) local transport (including collection and welcome service);
 - b) banquets and other official events and excursions;
 - c) board and lodging for the local organisers;
 - d) transport costs and daily allowances for the local referees and assistant referees;
 - e) laundry service for the playing kits of the participating teams and match officials (kit which has been worn at matches, i.e. shirts, shorts and socks, but not tracksuits);
 - f) governmental, regional and municipal taxes;
 - g) insurance of risks not covered by UEFA (Article 5);
 - h) organisational expenses (including, without limitation ticketing costs, stadium and stadium facilities, security/safety, ground staff, music, presence of medical services, communication links and office equipment, etc.).
- 26.02 The host association must submit a detailed budget to the UEFA Administration at least 12 months before the final round.
- 26.03 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.
- 26.04 The host association must submit detailed accounts for the entire final round to the UEFA Administration within ten weeks of the last match in the final round.
- 26.05 Each association taking part in the final round bears:
- a) the travel expenses of its delegation to and from the tournament venue or city;
 - b) any costs arising for additional members of the delegation;

- c) any costs for extending the duration of their stay;
 - d) expenses arising from the compulsory accident and travel insurance taken out for players and officials taking part in the final round.
- 26.06 UEFA bears the costs for the board and lodging of the players and officials of the participating associations (26 persons per delegation), the referees and the UEFA representatives, up to a maximum total amount per person per night including full board, fixed in agreement with the organisers. This obligation begins two days before the start of the tournament, and ends one day after a team has been eliminated, or one day after the end of the tournament for the other teams, except in the case of unforeseen circumstances which arise from transport difficulties and are acknowledged by UEFA.
- 26.07 In addition to the financial arrangements stipulated in 26.06 above UEFA will provide a further financial contribution to the tournament costs.
- 26.08 The number of complimentary tickets to be allocated for each match will be fixed in agreement with the LOC and the UEFA Administration.

XV Exploitation of the Commercial Rights

Article 27

Definitions

- 27.01 For the purpose of these regulations, the following definitions apply:
- a) “Commercial Rights” means any and all commercial and media rights and opportunities on a worldwide basis in and in relation to the final tournament and/or the qualifying competition (as applicable) including, without limitation, the relevant media rights, interactive rights, marketing rights and data rights;
 - b) “Media Rights” means the right to create, broadcast, transmit or display by any and all means and in any and all media, whether existing or future (including, without limitation, all forms of television, radio, wireless, fixed-line and Internet distribution), or to otherwise exploit audio-visual, visual and/or audio recordings or reproductions (whether in whole or in part) (including, without limitation, photographs), and audio-visual, visual and/or audio coverage, of any match of the final tournament and/or the qualifying competition (as applicable) and any official events related to the final tournament and/or the qualifying competition (as applicable) and the right to conduct any revenue-generating activity in connection therewith;
 - c) “Interactive Rights” means the right to offer viewers of match coverage the ability to request data and/or other information, to manipulate the content during transmission, to enhance, delete or alter transmitted

content (including without limitation, the ability to choose alternative camera angles and/or to replay events) or conduct any revenue-generating activity, including, without limitation, the sale, licensing or supply of goods and/or services, the provision of games or gaming services or any similar product or service, a polling or voting mechanism, the sale of merchandise and/or ticketing and/or the use of premium-rate telephone services;

- d) "Marketing Rights" means the right to exploit by any and all means and in any and all media, whether existing or future, all types of advertising, promotion (including, without limitation, electronic and virtual promotion), public relations, marketing, merchandising, licensing, franchising, sponsorship, hospitality, publishing and all other commercial association rights in relation to the final tournament and/or the qualifying competition (as applicable);
- e) "Data Rights" means the right to compile and exploit statistics and other data in relation to the final tournament and/or the qualifying competition (as applicable);
- f) "Imagery" means visual materials representing any participating association's players, officials and other representatives, the names, relevant statistics, data and images of such persons and any participating association's name, emblems, logos, crests, team shirts (including references to kit manufacturers) and colours; and
- g) "Sponsors" means the official sponsors of the final tournament, as appointed by UEFA.

A. Qualifying and elite rounds (qualifying competition)

- 27.02 The host association of any match of the qualifying competition is entitled to exploit the commercial rights of such a match. In doing so, it must observe the stipulations of Article 48 of the *UEFA Statutes* as well as the regulations governing the implementation of that article and any other instructions or guidelines issued by UEFA from time to time.
- 27.03 All member associations participating in the qualifying competition shall 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 of the qualifying competition and to protect the ownership thereof.
- 27.04 The commercial rights of 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.
- 27.05 All agreements relating to the exploitation of commercial rights of any match in the qualifying competition must be presented to the UEFA Administration

upon request. The withholding of any such agreements will be referred to the Control and Disciplinary Body and may result in disciplinary sanctions.

- 27.06 All agreements relating to the exploitation of commercial rights of any match in the qualifying competition must include (as an integral part thereof) and be subject to Article 48 of the *UEFA Statutes* and the regulations governing its implementation. Furthermore, any such agreement must provide that if any amendment is made to such regulations, the agreement shall be amended as necessary to conform with the relevant amendment within 30 days of such amendments coming into force.
- 27.07 For any match in the qualifying competition, the host association shall provide UEFA – free of charge and at least 60 minutes prior to kick-off – with access to the television frequency information for receiving the broadcast signal at a location of UEFA’s choice. If a member association chooses to broadcast live audio-visual, video or audio coverage of any qualifying competition match on the Internet, the feed of such coverage must also be provided live to UEFA free of charge to a location of UEFA’s choice. These broadcasts can be recorded by UEFA for monitoring and editorial purposes and UEFA may publish extracts thereof on an official UEFA website from midnight (CET) on the day of the match. Notwithstanding paragraph 27.06, UEFA’s right to publish extracts on an official UEFA website is subject to any restriction included in any agreement relating to the exploitation of commercial rights that is concluded as of the date of publication of these regulations. UEFA shall make any such recordings available to the relevant host association upon request. If so required by UEFA, the host association shall provide UEFA free of charge with a recording of the entire match [in Digibeta (or if not available, Betacam SP) format] to be sent to a destination determined by UEFA within seven days of the relevant match.

Footage

- 27.08 Following the final round draw, UEFA may use up to ten minutes of moving audio-visual or visual footage of any match in the qualifying competition for the purposes of presenting or promoting the final tournament or any element thereof and for the purposes of its archives and multimedia databases. These purposes include the broadcast or other transmission of any programming created in relation to the final tournament by UEFA or parties that have acquired media rights for the final tournament. This licence is granted to UEFA free of charge on a non-exclusive perpetual worldwide basis for use in any media, whether existing or future, with the right to authorise others to use such footage in connection with these purposes.

Article 28

B. Final round

- 28.01 To the exclusion of the participating associations and any other party, UEFA owns and has the sole right to exploit all of the commercial rights of 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 shall 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 of the final round and to ensure that all such commercial rights are owned and exercised solely and exclusively by UEFA and that UEFA may exploit them without any restrictions whatsoever.
- 28.03 A participating association may not display any third-party commercial identification or branding in any stadium chosen for the final round within one hour of kick-off.
- 28.04 UEFA declines all responsibility and liability in the event of any conflict between any agreement entered into by a member association and any arrangement entered into by UEFA relating to the exploitation of the commercial rights of the final round.
- 28.05 Following the final round draw, UEFA may use imagery to produce articles that illustrate a participating association's involvement in the final round. The production of such articles will draw on the imagery of all participating associations without giving undue prominence to the imagery of one participating association over any other. UEFA will ensure that there is no direct association in such articles between the imagery used and the sponsors of the final round.

XVI Intellectual Property Rights

Article 29

- 29.01 UEFA is the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights of the Competition, including but not limited to any current or future rights to UEFA's names, logos, brands, medals 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.

XVII 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* will apply.

XVIII Unforeseen Circumstances

Article 31

- 31.01 The CEO will decide on any matters not provided for in these regulations, as well as in cases of force majeure. Such decisions are final.

XIX Closing Provisions

Article 32

- 32.01 All annexes form an integral part of these regulations.
- 32.02 In the event of any discrepancy in interpretation between the official languages of UEFA in the wording of these regulations, the English version is the authoritative text.
- 32.03 These regulations come into force on their approval by the UEFA Executive Committee, and apply to all matches in the 2007/08 UEFA European Under-17 Championship.

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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 European Under-17 Championship.

The UEFA Administration will issue a Mini-Tournament Manual to assist the host association with the implementation of these instructions.

For the sake of simplicity, "host" refers to the national association hosting a mini-tournament.

1. CHOICE OF A MINI-TOURNAMENT HOST

On the entry form, an association can indicate its interest in hosting a mini-tournament.

Following the draw, the four teams in a given group have to agree which will host the mini-tournament. If the four associations cannot agree, the UEFA Administration will decide according to the following principles:

1.1. If more than one association is interested in hosting the mini-tournament, the following criteria will be applied:

- a) Opinion of the majority of the teams.
- b) Priority given to associations which are not hosting a mini-tournament in the same phase of the UEFA European Under-19 Championship.
- c) Draw.

1.2. If one association is interested in hosting the mini-tournament:

The UEFA Administration will designate that association as host.

1.3. If no association has expressed an interest in hosting the mini-tournament:

The UEFA Administration will conduct a draw to determine the host. Associations which are already hosting a tournament in the same phase of the UEFA European Under-19 Championship will not be included in the draw.

2. MATCH DATES

Following the draw, the four teams in a given group have to agree on the match dates.

If no agreement can be reached between the four teams concerned, the following criteria will apply:

- a) Opinion of the majority of the teams.

- b) If no majority can be reached, the mini-tournament will be staged to coincide with one of the international match dates.
- c) Climatic conditions.

3. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Unless the four teams in question agree otherwise, the mini-tournament must be organised according to the following schedule. The last two matches in each group must kick off at the same time.

Day 1:

- Arrival of all teams
- Arrival of all referees
- Arrival of the UEFA representatives
- Tournament organisational meeting

Day 2:

First match day: Matches 1 v 3 and 2 v 4

Day 3:

Rest day

Day 4:

Second match day: Matches 1 v 4 and 3 v 2

Day 5:

Rest day

Day 6:

Rest day

Day 7:

Third match day: Matches 2 v 1 and 4 v 3

Day 8:

- Departure of all teams
- Departure of the referees
- Departure of the UEFA representatives

The host is responsible for notifying the other participating teams and the UEFA Administration of all match details (dates, venues, kick-off times and hotel accommodation) by the set deadlines.

4. ACCOMMODATION

The delegations must be accommodated either in sports schools or medium-standard hotels (standard three-star).

The following facilities must be provided and paid for by the host for a maximum of 24 persons per delegation:

4.1. Rooms for the delegations

- Twin rooms for the players (18 players = nine rooms). Two single beds must be provided in these rooms. One large bed for two players is not acceptable.
- Single rooms for the six delegation officials (six rooms) in the same accommodation as their team.
- Additional delegation members may be accommodated, at the expense of their own association, either at the same or nearby accommodation.
- Two additional rooms must be provided per team for medical treatment and the equipment storage. The host is also requested to provide a massage table in the medical treatment room. The cost of these two rooms is borne by the host.

4.2. Rooms for the referees and UEFA representatives

- Single rooms for the referees, the UEFA representatives and, if applicable, tournament administrator.

4.3. General room requirements

- All hotel rooms must have bathroom and toilet facilities which meet standard sanitary requirements.
- All rooms must have adequate wardrobe space for clothing.
- All rooms must be adequately heated or air-conditioned.
- Rooms must be cleaned daily.

4.4. 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.

4.5. Meeting rooms

One meeting room for a minimum of 30 persons for each team must be made available for the entire duration of the tournament.

All meeting rooms must be equipped with a TV/video/DVD and overhead projector.

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

4.6. Dining room

A spacious dining room split into five different areas – four areas for the teams, one area for the referees, UEFA representatives and LOC – must be provided.

In principle, the referees and UEFA representatives take their meals in the same dining room as the delegations, at a separate table.

Officials must refrain from smoking and drinking alcohol in the dining room in front of the players.

5. MEALS

Three meals a day must be served to the tournament participants. The host must check whether special wishes can be catered for as far as the type of food is concerned, and also the time at which meals are served.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner must be provided for the tournament participants, based on the match and training schedules of the teams in question.

Emphasis must be placed on providing suitable food for footballers, which also takes national dining habits of participating teams into account.

5.1. Snacks, light meals

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

5.2. Drinks

A sufficient supply of soft drinks and tea must be made available for the participants with meals. At all training sessions and matches, a sufficient amount of still mineral water must be provided to the teams. In addition, mineral water must also be provided for the players in their rooms. Coffee, tea, milk (hot and cold) and chocolate drinks or powder must be available at breakfast.

The participants themselves must pay for all other drinks.

6. STADIUMS

In addition to the provisions laid down in Article 10 of the regulations, the following requirements must be met:

- a) The host must select a sufficient number of stadiums in its territory for the tournament.

- b) The stadiums must be located within a one-hour drive of the team accommodation.
- c) The playing fields must be freshly mowed.
- d) One replacement goal must be available at each stadium.
- e) The stadium must provide a main stand with at least 200 individual covered seats.
- f) The stadiums must be equipped with two covered benches at pitch level each providing seating room for 13 people in total. These benches must be positioned at least five metres from the touch line and must not present a risk for the safety of the players. If possible, covered seats for two persons must also be provided between the substitutes' benches.
- g) Each stadium must provide adequate public first aid and fire-fighting equipment as well as toilet facilities for both sexes, and must meet UEFA's requirements for the safety and security of spectators.
- h) Each stadium must be equipped with a public address system including a tape recorder and/or CD player.
- i) At least one massage table must be provided in each dressing room.
- j) The stadium must be equipped with a minimum of five flagpoles or other kind of supports allowing five flags to be flown at the stadium.

7. TRAINING SESSIONS

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

The training grounds must be of a suitable size, in good condition, freshly mowed, fully marked and equipped with standard and/or mobile goals. They must be located near the team accommodation. Travel time from a team's accommodation to the training ground must not exceed 20 minutes.

The dressing rooms at training grounds must be of an adequate size, and bathroom and toilet facilities should correspond to normal standards of hygiene.

Upon request, the host must provide a sufficient number of training balls to all participating teams.

If the prevailing weather conditions 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 official UEFA delegate, will take a final decision in case of any uncertainty.

8. MATCH ORGANISATION

In addition to the stipulations of Article 12 of the regulations, the host must ensure that the visiting teams bring their national anthems (CD or tape of maximum 90 seconds) and national flags with them and make them available for the matches in good time.

A minimum of eight ball girls/boys should be provided for each match.

Ten match balls must be provided for each match.

Pre-match procedure

Day before the match

Provided that the weather conditions and the state of the playing field so allow, training sessions for both teams take place. The duration depends on the state of the playing field but must not exceed 45 minutes per team.

Match day

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

- 90' Arrival at the stadium of the teams, referees, official UEFA delegate or referee observer
- 60' Both teams complete the match sheet and hand it over to the referee or UEFA delegate
- 60' to -15' Warm-up on the pitch
- 8' Stud check in the corridor
- 6' Teams enter the field and stand in line facing the VIP box
- 4' National anthem of "away" team
- 3' National anthem of "home" team
- 2' Hand-shaking procedure and 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 playing field.

Half-time interval:

15'

After the final whistle:

Both teams, referee and assistant referees gather in the centre circle, shake hands with each other and wave goodbye to the spectators.

9. TRANSPORT

The teams, international referees and UEFA representatives must be welcomed upon their arrival in the host country and transported from their point of arrival to the hotel. They must also be provided with transport from their accommodation to their point of departure on the day they leave.

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

As a rule, the UEFA representatives will travel with the referees.

The host is responsible for providing the following vehicles:

Teams

Each team must be provided with a bus and driver for the entire duration of the tournament.

Referees

Two spacious and comfortable cars – preferably people carriers (minibuses with six to eight places) – with drivers must be provided to transport referees to and from matches.

10. MEDICAL MATTERS

The health of the players must be the first priority for the organiser of any football event. Consequently, the host must ensure that the necessary measures are taken to guarantee adequate medical services during the entire tournament for all players and officials.

Apart from the normal match arrangements in this respect, e.g. stretcher and bearers in the stadium, ambulance at the stadium, doctor on stand-by in the stadium or at a nearby hospital, first-aid officers, etc., the host must ensure that any player needing medical care can receive preferential treatment and avoid the normal waiting process at a hospital or clinic.

Medical arrangements must be explained to the tournament participants at the organisational meeting.

ANNEX II: Fair Play

Fair Play Definition

The idea of playing a game fairly and treating an opponent in a sporting manner is one of the finest elements to be found in any sport. In fact, it was sport that gave birth to the now widely used expression and concept of fair play. It remains as vital an ingredient of our sport today as it ever did, and most spectators would agree that only a fair match can be an entertaining one.

The concept of fair play can be broken down into the following principles, which apply as much to the players as to other individuals connected with the game.

- a) The *Laws of the Game* and the regulations of the various competitions must be respected.
- b) Every effort should be made to behave in a sporting manner towards opponents, referees and any other persons involved in matches, such as spectators, officials of other clubs and associations, and representatives of the media.
- c) Anyone else involved in matches should be encouraged to behave in the manner outlined above before, during and after a match, irrespective of the result of the match and the decisions taken by the match officials.

Fair Play Assessment

Introduction

1. 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.
2. In its efforts to promote fair play, UEFA establishes association fair play rankings for each season, based on all matches played in all UEFA competitions (national representative and club teams) between 1 June and 31 May. In establishing these rankings, only those associations whose teams have played at least the required number of matches (total number of matches assessed divided by the number of associations) are taken into account. For this purpose, fair play conduct is assessed by the appointed UEFA match delegate. In reward for the fair play example they set, a maximum of three associations which attain a previously-defined standard (average of 8.0 points or more in the rankings) each receive one additional place in the UEFA Cup of the next season. These additional places are

reserved for the winners of the respective domestic top-division fair play competition. If the winners of the domestic top-division fair play competition in question have already qualified for a UEFA club competition, the UEFA Cup fair play place goes to the highest team in the domestic top-division fair play rankings which has not already qualified for a UEFA competition.

3. After the match, the 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.

Methods of Assessment

4. The assessment form identifies six criteria (components) 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.

a) The individual items on the assessment form

5. **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.

6. **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.

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

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.

7. Respect of the opponent

- maximum 5 points
- minimum 1 point

Players are expected to respect the *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 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.

8. Respect of the referee

- maximum 5 points
- minimum 1 point

Players are expected to respect the referees (including assistant referees and fourth officials) as people, as well as for the decisions they take. Double counting against the item 'red and yellow cards' should be avoided. However, the delegate may take into account the seriousness of the offences punished by cards.

A positive attitude towards the referee 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 match officials, should be assessed with a mark of 4 rather than 5.

9. **Behaviour of 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. Co-operation 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.

10. **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.

b) Overall assessment

11. The overall assessment of a team is obtained by adding up the points given for the individual components, dividing this total by the maximum number of points and multiplying the result by 10.
12. 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 10 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:

$$(31/40) \times 10 = \mathbf{7.75}$$

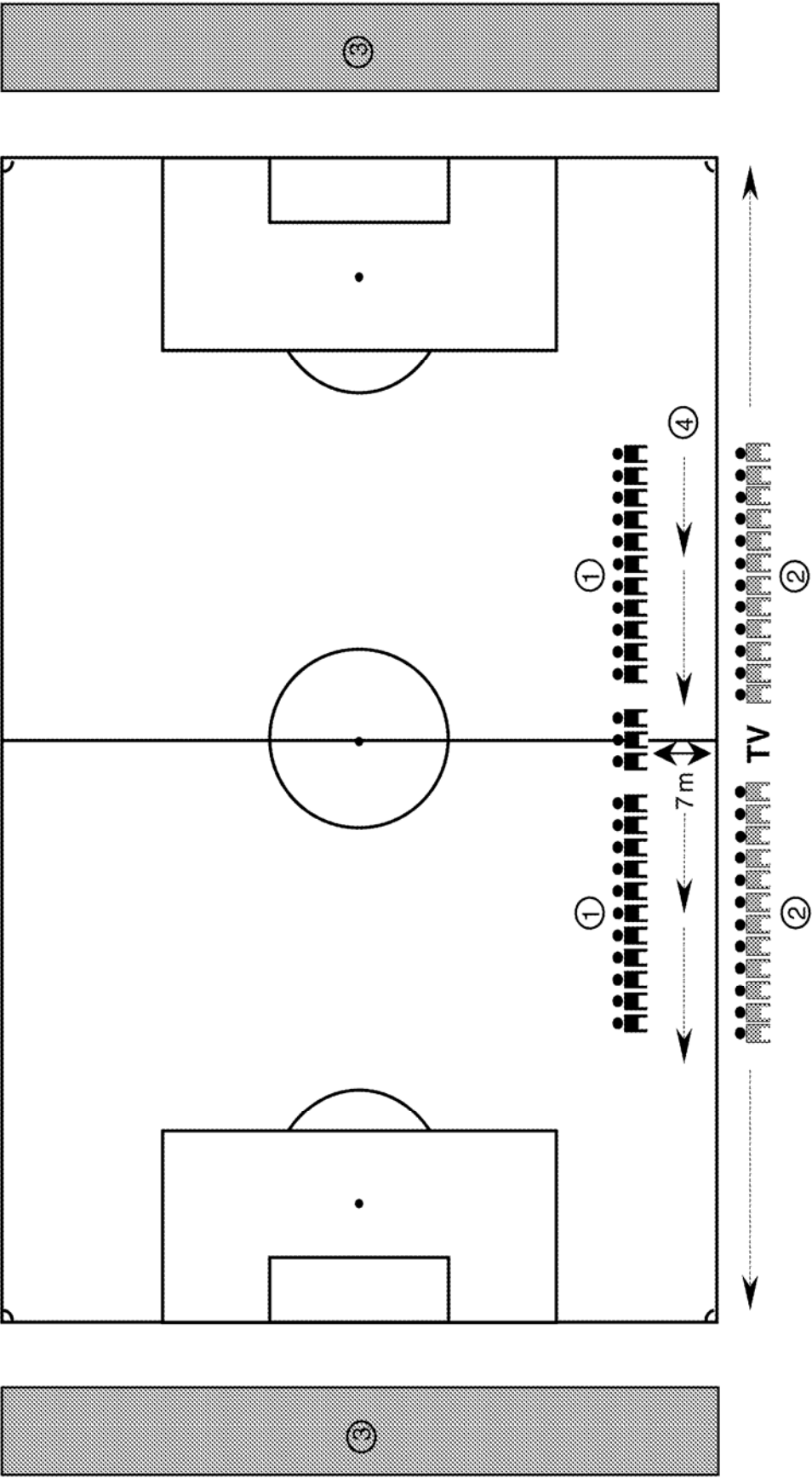
If team 2 had only a small number of fans, and the assessment for the other items was 7+8+2+5+2, with 24 as the total, the general assessment would be:

$$(24/35) \times 10 = \mathbf{6.857}$$

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

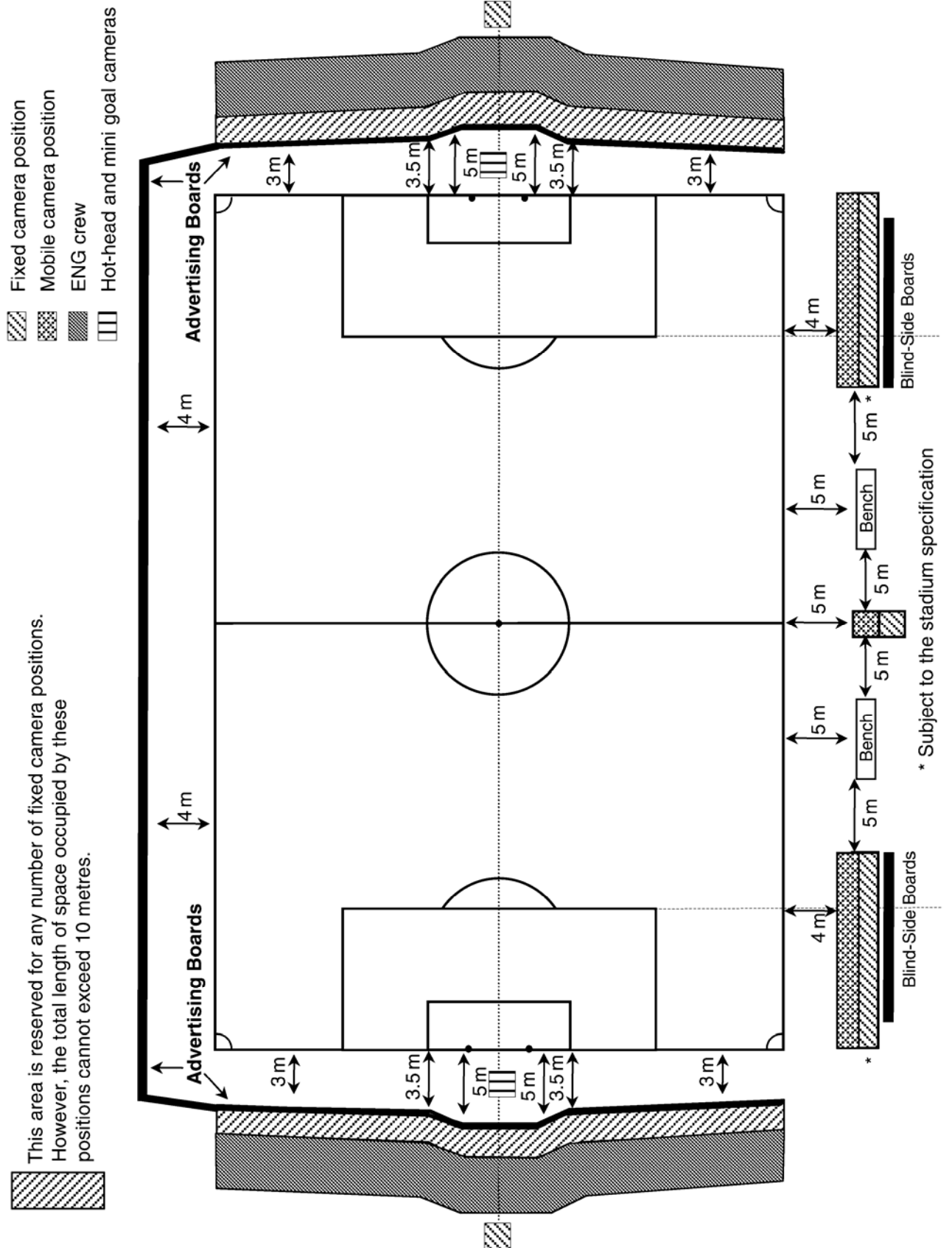
13. In addition to this assessment, the delegate should also give brief written comments on the fair play performance of the teams, to explain the positive and negative aspects which formed the basis for his assessment. This written explanation may also include outstanding individual gestures of fair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

ANNEX IIIa: Media Positioning at UEFA Matches



- ① Teams before the game
- ② Photographers and TV crews before the game
- ③ Photographers and TV crews during the game
- Important:** Photographers and TV representatives must keep off the field of play at all times
- ④ Hand-held TV camera of host broadcaster (for individual close-ups during line-up)

ANNEX IIIb: TV Camera Positions



ANNEX IV: Appointment of Referees

1. Single match

UEFA appoints 1 referee and 2 assistant referees (proposed by the referee's association) from the same country.

Host association appoints 1 substitute assistant referee (fourth official).

2. Mini-tournament with 3 teams

UEFA appoints 2 referees (e.g. GER, POL) + 2 assistant referees (proposed by the referee's association) from the same country.

No referees appointed by the host association.

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 delegate based on performances in the first two matches.		

3. Mini-tournament with 4 teams

UEFA appoints 3 referees (e.g. GER, POL, SUI) + 3 assistant referees (proposed by the referee's association) from the same country.

Host association appoints 1 substitute referee (fourth official) + 1 assistant referee, in principle for the entire tournament.

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

ANNEX V: Doping Controls - Acknowledgment and Agreement

The undersigned player agrees to comply with the *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations* and the applicable UEFA competition regulations, which he has read and understood. In particular, he acknowledges that he must refrain from using prohibited substances and methods.

The undersigned player recognises that failure to comply with the said regulations may result in investigation and imposition of sanctions by UEFA. He acknowledges and agrees that UEFA has the jurisdiction to impose sanctions as provided for in the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*.

The undersigned player agrees to undergo doping controls at any time (in and out of competition).

The undersigned player agrees that any dispute that remains unresolved after the legal remedies established by UEFA have been exhausted shall be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for final and binding arbitration. He notes that he must submit such a dispute to the CAS within 10 days of notification of the challenged decision. Proceedings before the CAS shall take place in accordance with its Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

The undersigned has/have read and understood the present Acknowledgment and Agreement.

Date

Name of player
(surname, first name)

Date of birth
(day/month/year)

Signature of player

Name of parent/legal guardian
(surname, first name)

Signature of parent/legal guardian

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