



IMF WORLD CUP TURKEY 2026

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1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Governance, participation
obligations and competition
integrity



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ARTICLE 01

IMF WORLD CUP TURKEY 2026

- 1.1** IMF WORLD CUP TURKEY 2026 (the “Competition”) is a competition of the International Minifootball Federation (IMF) and is governed by the applicable IMF regulations.
- 1.2** These Regulations govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all teams participating in the Competition. These Regulations, together with all applicable guidelines, directives and circulars issued by IMF or the IMF Competitions Committee within its authority, are binding on all parties participating in or involved in the preparation, organization, administration, hosting and staging of the Competition.
- 1.3** Any rights directly associated with the Competition that are not granted under these Regulations, the Participation Agreement or the applicable IMF Media and Marketing Regulations belong to IMF.
- 1.4** The IMF Statutes and all IMF regulations in force shall apply to all parties participating in or involved in the preparation, organization, administration, hosting and staging of the Competition. Any reference in these Regulations to the IMF Statutes or IMF regulations means the version in force at the time of application.
- 1.5** Other rules or decisions of third parties that are directly binding on IMF may apply to the subject matter of these Regulations. Any such rules or decisions implemented by IMF shall take precedence over these Regulations in the event of conflict and shall be observed by all parties participating in or involved in the Competition.

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ARTICLE 02

IMF COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

- 2.1** The IMF Competitions Committee is responsible for administering and organizing the Competition in accordance with these Regulations, the IMF Statutes, the applicable IMF Governance Regulations, and the applicable IMF Media and Marketing Regulations.
- 2.2** The IMF Competitions Committee may, where necessary, establish a working group or sub-committee to address an unforeseen matter requiring an immediate decision. Any decision made by such a working group or sub-committee shall take effect immediately, subject to confirmation by the IMF Competitions Committee and any further approval required under the IMF Statutes.
- 2.3** The IMF Competitions Committee shall address any aspect of the Competition that is not assigned to another IMF body under these Regulations, the IMF Statutes, the applicable IMF Governance Regulations, or the applicable IMF Media and Marketing Regulations.
- 2.4** Decisions of the IMF Competitions Committee, or of a duly appointed working group or sub-committee, may be appealed only where and in the manner permitted by the IMF Statutes and applicable IMF regulations.
- 2.5** IMF bears overall responsibility for the Competition. The IMF Competitions Committee is responsible for its competition administration, organization and operational supervision within the authority granted to it by IMF.

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ARTICLE 03

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

3.1

By submitting the Participation Agreement, each participating team undertakes at all times to comply with, and to ensure that every player, coach, manager, official, media officer, representative, guest and any other person carrying out duties on its behalf (each a “Delegation Member”) complies with, these Regulations; the applicable IMF Media and Marketing Regulations; the Laws of the Game; the IMF Statutes and other IMF regulations; the IMF Disciplinary Code; the IMF Code of Ethics; and the applicable IMF Equipment Regulations.

In addition, every Delegations Member shall:

- a) respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and the authority of the match officials; and
- b) conduct themselves appropriately.
- c) observe and comply with, and ensure that its Delegation Members observe and comply with these Regulations and the principles of fair play;
- d) observe and comply with all applicable laws;
- e) observe and comply with all reasonable instructions and decisions issued by IMF, the IMF Competitions Committee, and authorized IMF officials in accordance with these Regulations;
- f) field its strongest available team throughout the Competition;
- g) accept all arrangements relating to the Competition made by IMF or the IMF Competitions Committee within their respective authority;
- h) accept, to the extent set out in the applicable IMF Media and Marketing Regulations, the use by IMF, or the grant by IMF of a sublicense to third parties, and the recording and broadcast of the images, names and records of Delegation Members appearing in connection with the Competition; and
- i) ensure that adequate insurance is provided for Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on the team’s behalf against all relevant risks, including injury, accident, illness and travel, in accordance with applicable IMF rules and regulations.

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ARTICLE 03

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS (continued)

- j) the conduct of its Delegation Members;
- k) incidental costs and expenses incurred by its Delegation Members and any other persons carrying out duties on its behalf during their stay in the host country;
- l) any costs arising from an extension of stay, before or after the Competition, by a Delegation Member or any other person carrying out duties on its behalf;
- m) applying for visas, with assistance from IMF where applicable, and submitting all required documents in good time and in accordance with the relevant procedures; and
- n) attending all media conferences and other media activities organised by IMF or the IMF Competitions Committee in accordance with the applicable IMF Media and Marketing Regulations and any applicable IMF circulars, guidelines, directives or decisions.

3.2 Each participating team shall confirm its participation by submitting the Participation Agreement and any other required documentation, duly signed, by the deadlines communicated by IMF or the IMF Competitions Committee in the relevant circulars. Timely submission is essential. Each participating team shall provide all reasonably requested information and documentation within the stipulated deadlines.

3.3 Each participating team shall ensure that its players and officials attend and participate in all official activities and events, including any Team Arrival Meeting, Match Coordination Meeting, press conference, and media or marketing activity required under the applicable IMF Media and Marketing Regulations.

3.4 Each participating team shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless IMF and its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents and authorised auxiliary persons against liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and reasonable legal expenses resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to participation in the Competition or non-compliance with these Regulations by the participating team, its Delegation Members, its affiliates, or third parties contracted by it. This clause is subject to legal ratification as recorded in the Assumptions and Ratification Register.

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ARTICLE 04

WITHDRAWAL, UNPLAYED MATCHES, ABANDONED MATCHES AND REPLACEMENT

- 4.1** Each participating team undertakes to play all its matches until it is eliminated from the Competition.
- 4.2** If a participating team is not admitted to, is excluded from, or withdraws from the Competition after the Competition has started, the IMF Disciplinary Committee may impose additional disciplinary measures, taking into account the timing of the withdrawal, the severity of the breach leading to non-admission or exclusion, any mitigating factors, and other relevant circumstances. Sanctions may include exclusion from subsequent IMF competitions and, where applicable, replacement by another team.
- 4.3** A match that is not played or is abandoned, except in a case of force majeure recognized by IMF, may result in disciplinary measures against the participating team or teams concerned, imposed by the IMF Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the IMF Disciplinary Code.
- 4.4** A participating team that withdraws after the Competition has started, or whose conduct causes a match not to be played or to be abandoned, may be ordered by the IMF Competitions Committee to reimburse IMF or another participating team for expenses incurred as a result of that conduct. The team may also be ordered by the competent IMF body to pay compensation for damages incurred by IMF or another participating team. The team shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from IMF relating to the Competition.
- 4.5** If a team withdraws, or if a match cannot be played or is abandoned because of force majeure, the IMF Competitions Committee shall decide the competition and operational consequences, subject to the IMF Statutes and applicable IMF regulations.
- 4.6** If a match is abandoned after kick-off, the following principles shall apply unless the IMF Competitions Committee determines otherwise under the applicable Laws of the Game or for safety, security, integrity or force-majeure reasons:
- a) The match shall resume from the minute at which play was interrupted, rather than being replayed in full, and with the same score. Play shall resume in the manner corresponding to the interruption. If play was stopped while the ball was in play and no other restart applies, play shall resume with a dropped ball from the position of the ball when play was stopped.
 - b) The match shall resume with the same players on the pitch and the same substitutes available as at the time of abandonment.
 - c) No additional substitutes may be added to the start list.

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ARTICLE 04

WITHDRAWAL, UNPLAYED MATCHES, ABANDONED MATCHES AND REPLACEMENT (continued)

- d) Each team may make only the number of substitutions to which it remained entitled when the match was abandoned.
- e) A player sent off before abandonment may not be replaced.
- f) Disciplinary measures imposed before abandonment shall be administered in accordance with the IMF Disciplinary Code.
- g) The resumption date, kick-off time and location shall be determined by the IMF Competitions Committee.

4.7 If a participating team withdraws or is disqualified before the end of the group stage, the results of all its group-stage matches shall be declared null and void, subject to confirmation by the competent IMF body.

4.8 IMF, acting through the IMF Competitions Committee within its authority, may cancel, reschedule or relocate one or more matches, or the entire Competition, for reasons including force majeure or health, safety or security concerns.

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DISCIPLINARY MATTERS AND PROCEDURES

Discipline, dispute
resolution, protests and
card administration



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ARTICLE 05

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 5.1** Disciplinary infringements shall be dealt with under the IMF Disciplinary Code in force and all applicable circulars and directives, with which participating teams and Delegation Members undertake to comply.
- 5.2** IMF may introduce competition-specific disciplinary rules and measures for the duration of the Competition. Any such rules shall be communicated to participating teams no later than before the opening match.
- 5.3** Any violation of these Regulations or any other applicable IMF regulation, circular, guideline, directive or decision that does not fall within the jurisdiction of another IMF body shall be dealt with by the IMF Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the IMF Disciplinary Code.

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ARTICLE 06

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 6.1** The participating teams and all Delegation Members acknowledge and accept that their sole legal recourse against final decisions of IMF shall be to the Competition Committee, as provided for in the IMF Statutes, and unless excluded by the IMF Statutes or applicable IMF regulations. Any such arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the Competition Committee regulations
- 6.2** As provided for in the IMF Statutes, recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited unless specifically provided for in the IMF regulations. Recourse to ordinary courts of law for all types of provisional measures is also prohibited

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ARTICLE 07

PROTESTS

- 7.1** For the purposes of these Regulations, a protest is an objection related to an event or matter having a direct effect on a match, including the condition or markings of the pitch, accessory match equipment, player eligibility, stadium installations, or match balls.
- 7.2** Unless otherwise stated in this Article, a protest shall be submitted in writing to the IMF Match Director within two hours after the match concerned and through the official IMF legal submission channel within 24 hours after the end of that match , with a fee of **200 US dollars** will be refundable if the protest is accepted otherwise they shall be disregarded. The official The official protest form is: [Protest page \(IMF \)](#) by the IMF Competitions Committee. A protest not submitted within the applicable time and by the prescribed means shall be disregarded.
- 7.3** A protest concerning the eligibility of a player nominated for the Competition shall be submitted through the official IMF legal submission channel no later than three days before the first match of the Competition. The official protest form is: [Protest page \(IMF \)](#) by the IMF Competitions Committee. Such protests shall be dealt with by the IMF Competitions Committee.
- 7.4** A protest concerning the condition of the pitch, its surroundings, markings, goals, flag posts, match balls or other accessory items shall be submitted in writing to the referee before the match by the head of delegation of the protesting team. If the playing surface becomes unplayable during the match, the captain of the protesting team shall immediately notify the referee in the presence of the opposing captain. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the IMF Match Director by the head of delegation no later than two hours after the match.
- 7.5** A protest concerning an incident during a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play resumes, in the presence of the opposing captain. It shall be confirmed in writing to the IMF Match Director by the head of delegation no later than two hours after the match.
- 7.6** No protest may be made against a referee's decision on facts connected with play. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal unless the IMF Disciplinary Code provides otherwise.
- 7.7** The IMF Disciplinary Committee may impose disciplinary measures against a participating team that submits an unfounded or irresponsible protest.

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ARTICLE 07

PROTESTS (continued)

- 7.8** A protest that does not meet the formal conditions in these Regulations shall be disregarded by the competent IMF body. After the final match has ended, protests under this Article shall be disregarded. This does not limit the authority of the IMF Disciplinary Committee to prosecute a disciplinary infringement ex officio in accordance with the IMF Disciplinary Code.
- 7.9** The competent IMF body shall decide any protest, subject to the exceptions in these Regulations, the IMF Statutes, and other applicable IMF regulations.

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ARTICLE 08

YELLOW AND RED CARDS

- 8.1** The referee has authority to take disciplinary action from the time the referee enters the field of play for the pre-match inspection until leaving the field after the match, including any penalty shoot-out. If, before entering the field for the start of the match, a player or team official commits a sending-off offence, the referee may prevent that person from taking part and shall report any misconduct in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- 8.2** Single yellow cards and pending suspensions that could not be served in another competition are not carried over to this Competition, subject to the IMF Disciplinary Code and any competition-specific circular.
- 8.3** Single yellow cards accumulated in the Competition shall be cancelled after the quarter-finals.
- 8.4** A player or team official who receives yellow card in two different matches shall automatically be suspended for the team's next match.
- 8.5** A player or team official sent off as a result of a direct or indirect red card shall automatically be suspended for the team's next match. Additional sanctions, including further suspension or a fine, may be imposed under the IMF Disciplinary Code.
- 8.6** Subject to the IMF Disciplinary Code, a match suspension resulting from a sending-off, or from cautions accumulated in different matches of the Competition, shall not be carried over to another competition. This provision does not prejudice any other sanction that may be imposed.
- 8.7** Further details on the administration of cautions, suspensions and expulsions may be communicated by IMF circular.

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COMPETITION FORMAT

Participating teams, match format, qualification and penalty shoot-outs



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ARTICLE 09

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- 9.1** The source-derived competition format provides for 16 participating teams: the representative team of the host member association and 15 other teams. Final confirmation of the number and identity of participating teams is: TBC — to be confirmed by the IMF Competitions Committee.
- 9.2** IMF shall form the groups by seeding and drawing lots, taking sporting and geographical factors into account as far as possible. Further details shall be communicated by the IMF Competitions Committee.
- 9.3** Decisions of the IMF Competitions Committee on group formation and the duration of the Competition shall be final, subject to the IMF Statutes. If a team withdraws or is excluded, the IMF Competitions Committee may modify the groups as required.

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ARTICLE 10

GROUP AND KNOCKOUT STAGES

- 10.1** Each match shall have a duration of 50 minutes, divided into two halves of 25 minutes each, Draw in knockout stages send match to two extra halves of 5 minutes each , If draw If the tie still holds, the two teams will go to penalty kicks, with 5 kicks each.
- 10.2** The source-derived format comprises a group stage followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals, a third-place play-off, and the final. The format contains 32 matches in total.
- 10.3** The 16 participating teams shall be divided into four groups of four teams.
- 10.4** The IMF Competitions Committee shall conduct a public seeded draw and shall take sporting and geographical factors into account as far as possible.

The team names and draw positions for Groups A–D are: TBC — to be confirmed by the IMF Competitions Committee.

- 10.5** Each team shall play every other team in its group once. Three points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a draw, and no points for a defeat.

Group-stage match matrix

**Note: The matrix does not necessarily represent the chronological order in which matches will be played.*

- 10.6** The final two matches in each group shall kick off simultaneously on the same day(if available) .
- 10.7** The teams finishing first and second in each group shall qualify for the quarter-finals.
- 10.8** The eight qualified teams shall contest the quarter-finals .

Note: The configuration does not necessarily represent chronological order.

- 10.9** The four quarter-final winners shall contest the semi-finals .

Note: The configuration does not necessarily represent chronological order.

- 10.10** The semi-final losers shall contest the third-place play-off:
- 10.11** The semi-final winners shall contest the final:

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Group-Stage Match Matrix

ARTICLE 10 · MATCHES 01–24

Match	Group	Fixture	Match	Group	Fixture
1	A	1 × 2	13	A	1 × 3
2	B	1 × 2	14	B	1 × 3
3	C	1 × 2	15	C	1 × 3
4	D	1 × 2	16	D	1 × 3
5	A	3 × 4	17	A	2 × 4
6	B	3 × 4	18	B	2 × 4
7	C	3 × 4	19	C	2 × 4
8	D	3 × 4	20	D	2 × 4
9	A	2 × 3	21	A	1 × 4
10	B	2 × 3	22	B	1 × 4
11	C	2 × 3	23	C	1 × 4
12	D	2 × 3	24	D	1 × 4

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ARTICLE 10.8 · MATCHES 25–28

Quarter-Finals

Match	QF	Day / Date	First Team	Second Team
25	1	TBC	1st Group TBC	2nd Group TBC
26	2	TBC	1st Group TBC	2nd Group TBC
27	3	TBC	1st Group TBC	2nd Group TBC
28	4	TBC	1st Group TBC	2nd Group TBC

◆ Dates, kick-off times and venues are TBC — to be confirmed by the IMF Competitions Committee.

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ARTICLE 10.9–10.11 · MATCHES 29–32

Semi-Finals, Third Place and Final

Match	Round	Day / Date	First Team	Second Team
29	Semi-final 1	TBC	Winner Match 25	Winner Match 27
30	Semi-final 2	TBC	Winner Match 26	Winner Match 28
31	Third place	TBC	Loser Match 29	Loser Match 30
32	Final	TBC	Winner Match 29	Winner Match 30

◆ Dates, kick-off times and venues are TBC — to be confirmed by the IMF Competitions Committee.

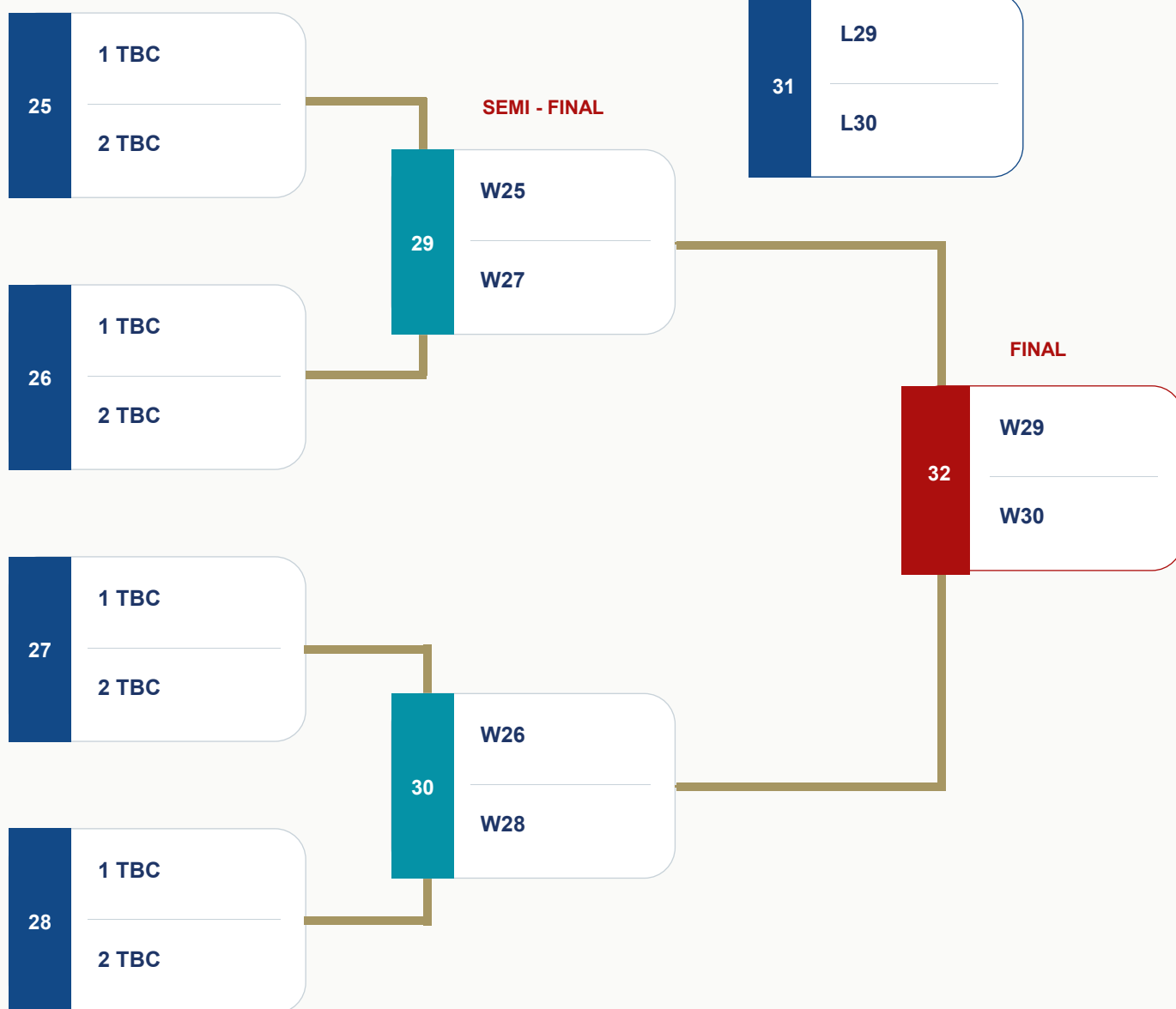
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ARTICLE 10 · EDITABLE BRACKET

Knockout Path — Matches 25–32

QUARTER - FINAL

THIRD PLACE



DATES · KICK-OFF TIMES · VENUES: TBC — to be confirmed by the IMF Competitions Committee

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ARTICLE 11

EQUAL POINTS AND QUALIFICATION FOR THE KNOCKOUT STAGE

11.1 If two or more teams in the same group are equal on points after completion of the group stage, the following criteria shall be applied in order to determine their ranking:

- a) greatest number of points;
- b) superior goal difference;
- c) greatest number of goals scored;
- d) result of the direct match or matches between the teams concerned;
- e) lowest number of disciplinary cards recorded against the team's players; and
- f) drawing of lots.

The detailed calculation method for criteria d) and e) is subject to confirmation by the IMF Competitions Committee and the competent disciplinary authority.

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ARTICLE 12

PENALTIES (PENALTY SHOOT-OUT)

- 12.1** Before the penalty shoot-out begins, and subject to considerations such as field condition, safety and security, the referee shall conduct a draw to determine the goal at which the kicks will be taken. The selected goal may be changed only for safety reasons or if the goal or playing surface becomes unusable.
- 12.2** The referee shall then conduct a second draw. The team winning that draw shall decide whether to take the first or second kick.
- 12.3** All players and substitutes eligible under the applicable Laws of the Game may take kicks in the penalty shoot-out.
- 12.4** Each team shall initially take 5 kicks, subject to the provisions below.
- 12.5** Each team is responsible for selecting the order of its kickers. The order need not be provided to the referee in advance.
- 12.6** If, at the end of the match or before or during the penalty shoot-out, one team has more eligible players than its opponent, it shall reduce its number of eligible players to the same number as the opponent. The referee shall be informed of the names and numbers of the players excluded from the shoot-out.
- 12.7** A player excluded under Article 12.6 is not eligible to take part in the penalty shoot-out.
- 12.8** Before the shoot-out begins, the referee shall ensure that each team has the same number of eligible players in the designated area away from the penalty area.
- 12.9** A kick is completed when the ball stops moving, goes out of play, or the referee stops play for an offence. The kicker may not play the ball a second time.
- 12.10** The referee shall keep a record of all kicks.
- 12.11** The teams shall take kicks alternately. If, before both teams have taken three kicks, one team has scored more goals than the other could score even if it completed its three kicks, no further kicks shall be taken.

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ARTICLE 12

PENALTIES (PENALTY SHOOT-OUT) (continued)

- 12.12** If the scores are equal after both teams have taken three kicks, the shoot-out shall continue with one kick per team until one team has scored one goal more than the other after both teams have taken the same number of kicks.
- 12.13** Each kick shall be taken by a different eligible player. Every eligible player must take a kick before any player may take a second kick.
- 12.14** Article 12.13 also applies to any subsequent sequence of kicks, but a team may change the order of its kickers.
- 12.15** A penalty shoot-out shall not be delayed because a player leaves the field of play. If the player does not return in time to take the assigned kick, that kick shall be recorded as missed.

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COMPETITION PREPARATION

Host, draw, arrivals,
ceremonies and tournament
calendar



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ARTICLE 13

VENUES, DRAW AND TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- 13.1** Antalya will host minifootbal world cup Türkiye 2026
- 13.2** Draw event. The draw shall be scheduled before the Competition. All participating teams shall be invited to attend physically or virtually. The date, location, format and participation arrangements are: TBC — to be confirmed by the IMF Competitions Committee.
- 13.3** Team arrivals. Official team arrival date: 30 – 31 October 2026
- 13.4** Opening ceremony and first matchday. Date and operational programmed: 1st November 2026
- 13.5** Group and knockout matches. Competition dates and detailed match schedule: 01 – 05 November 2026 .
- 13.6** Final matches and awards ceremony. Date and operational programmed: 06 November 2026 .
- 13.7** Team departures. Official team departure date: 07 November 2026

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ARTICLE 13 · OPERATIONAL CALENDAR

Tournament Schedule Summary

Milestone	Date
Draw event	TBC
Delegations arrivals	30 – 31 October 2026
Opening ceremony and first matchday	1 November 2026
Group and knockout matches	1 - 5 November 2026
Final matches and awards ceremony	6 November 2026
Delegations departures	7 November 2026

◆ All Turkey 2026 dates and venues remain TBC — no legacy host-country data has been carried forward.

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5

STADIUMS

Playing-field and venue technical
validation



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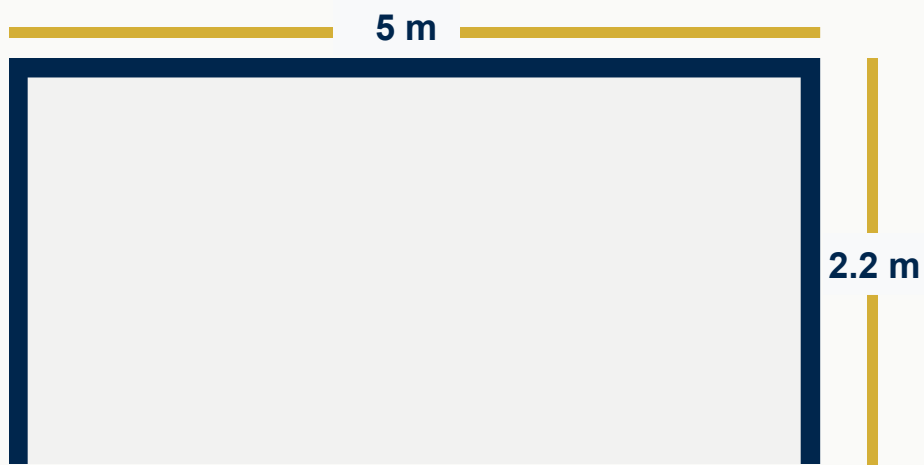
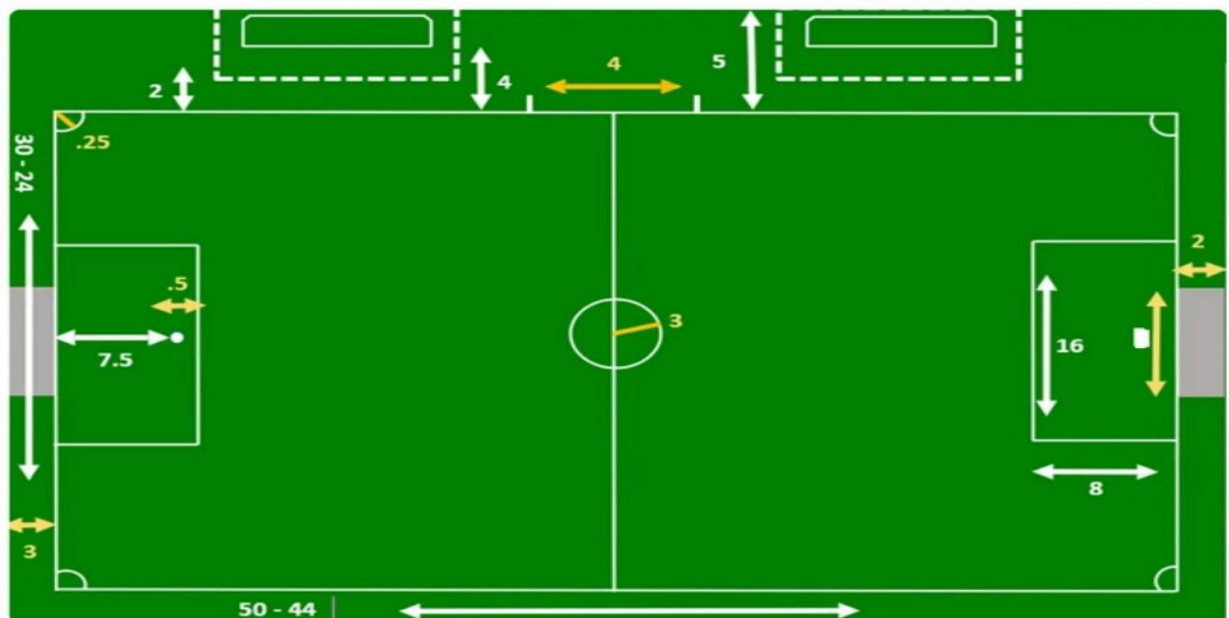
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ARTICLE 14

STADIUMS (DIMENSIONS)

14.1 Matches shall be played on a field that complies with Article 1, The Playing Field, of the applicable IMF Laws of the Game.

14.2 The approved field dimensions, technical-zone dimensions, goal specifications, surface requirements and any venue-specific field diagram for IMF WORLD CUP TURKEY 2026 are: TBC — to be confirmed by the IMF Competitions Committee following technical validation against the applicable IMF Laws of the Game.



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6

PLAYERS, DELEGATIONS AND REGISTRATION

Roster composition,
registration and
accreditation inputs



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ARTICLE 15

PLAYERS, DELEGATIONS AND REGISTRATION

- 15.1** Player registration. Each participating team may register a maximum of 14 players and a minimum of 12 players on its Competition roster.
- 15.2** Team staff. Each participating team may register no more than 6 team staff members, comprising technical and administrative personnel.
- 15.3** Total delegation. The maximum delegation size is 20 persons.

Delegation composition

- 15.4** Registration process. Teams and Delegation Members shall be registered through the official IMF WORLD CUP TURKEY 2026 registration channel. Portal address and submission opening and closing dates: [IMF World Cup Turkey 2026 – Official Registration](#).

15.5 Registration Requirements

- Each participating team must complete all required registration fields.
- All submitted information must be correct, complete, and officially approved.
- Each team must provide the required administrative and technical staff information.
- Player information and official documents must be submitted as requested.
- Only authorized representatives may complete the registration process.
- The official access code must not be shared with unauthorized persons.
- All information must be entered in English and must match the passports or official identity documents.

Required Documents

- Clear and valid passport copy for every registered player and delegation member.
- Recent personal photograph for every registered player and delegation member.
- Official team or federation logo.
- National flag.
- Official delegation list approved by the participating federation or team.
- Any additional document requested by the IMF Competitions Committee or Organising Committee.

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ARTICLE 15 · ROSTER LIMITS

Delegation Composition

Registration Regulations

- Submitting the registration form does not automatically confirm final participation.
- Final participation is subject to registration review, document approval, and receipt of the required 50% accommodation reservation payment.
- All registrations are subject to review and approval by the IMF Competitions Committee.
- The participating team is responsible for the accuracy of all submitted information.
- Incomplete or incorrect registrations may be returned for correction or rejected.
- The IMF reserves the right to request additional documents or information.
- Registration must be completed within the officially announced registration period.
- After final approval, amendments may only be made with authorization from the IMF Competitions Committee.
- Any misuse of the access code may result in the code being disabled.

Category	Minimum	Maximum	Notes
Players	12	14	Competition roster
Team staff	2	6	Technical and administrative personnel
Total delegation	14	20	Players and team staff combined

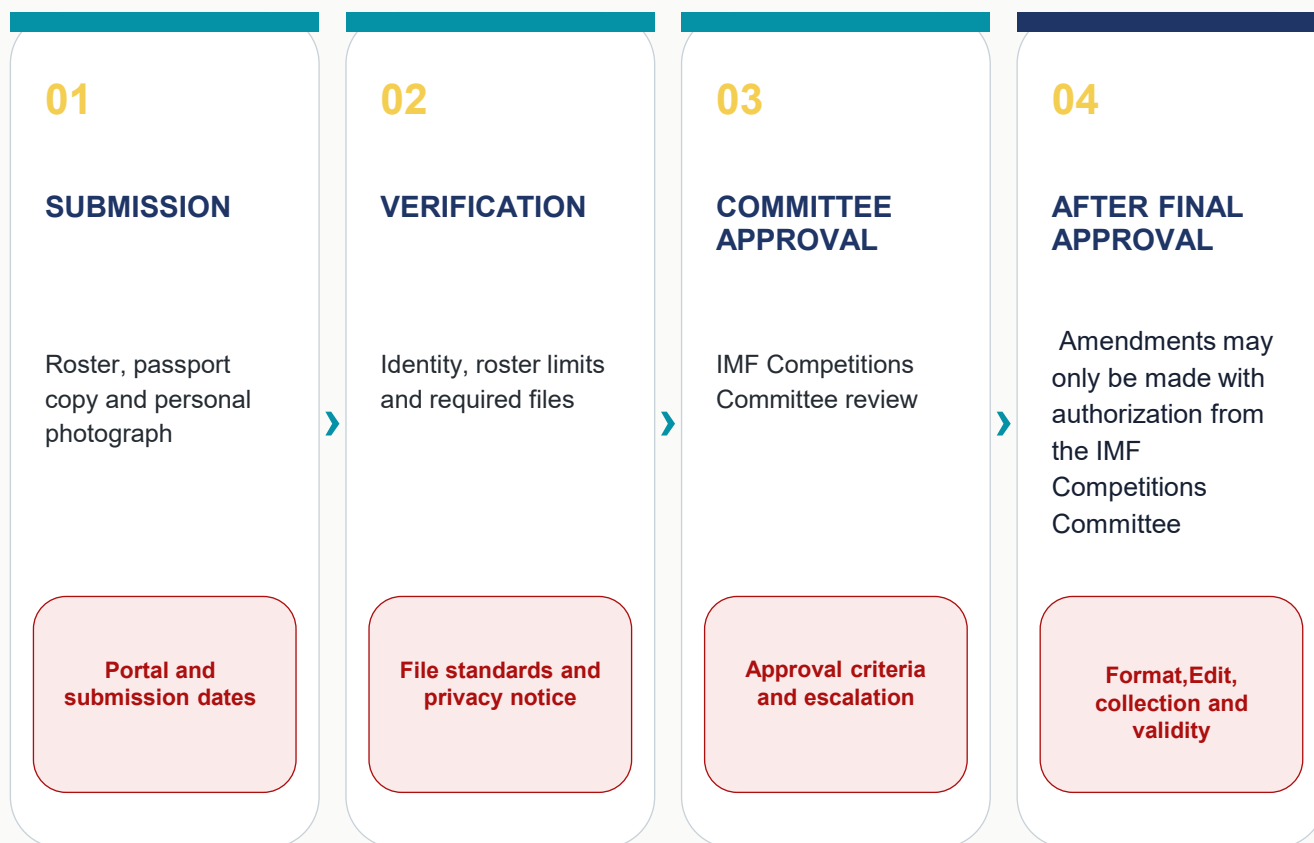
◆ Roster composition and eligibility require formal confirmation under ratification item R-16.

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ARTICLE 15 · EDITABLE OPERATIONS PATH

Registration and Accreditation Workflow

IMF World Cup Turkey 2026 – Official Registration



REQUIRED SOURCE DATA Official portal · deadlines · file specifications · consent/privacy notice · retention and access rules · accreditation format

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KIT AND TEAM EQUIPMENT

Colors, equipment, safety, communications and commercial markings



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ARTICLE 16

KIT AND COLOURS

- 16.1** The two teams shall wear colors that clearly distinguish them from each other and from the match officials.
- 16.2** Each goalkeeper shall wear colors that distinguish the goalkeeper from all other players and from the match officials.
- 16.3** If both goalkeepers wear shirts of the same color and neither has an alternative shirt, the referee may allow the match to begin.
- 16.4** An undershirt shall be the same dominant color as the shirt sleeve. Undershorts or compression shorts shall be the same dominant color as the shorts or the lowest part of the shorts. Players of the same team shall wear matching colors.

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ARTICLE 17

HEAD COVERINGS

17.1 Caps

- 17.1.1** Goalkeepers on the same team may wear caps on the field of play that differ in size, colour or appearance. A cap worn on the field shall comply with applicable IMF equipment requirements and, where those requirements apply, shall be made by the manufacturer of the team's playing kit.
- 17.1.2** Off the field of play, outfield players and other Delegation Members may wear caps, hats, knitted caps or bonnets that differ in size, color or appearance. If an item is not made by the manufacturer of the team's playing kit, it shall not display a manufacturer identifier.

17.2 Hairbands, headbands and wristbands

Players on the same team may wear hairbands, headbands or wristbands that differ in size or appearance. Each item shall be the same color as a color appearing on the player's shirt, shorts or socks, or shall be black or white. It shall not display the player's name, number, or an abbreviation of either.

17.3 Undergarments

Players may wear underwear, T-shirts, thermal shorts or cooling apparel beneath the playing kit (each an "Undergarment"), provided that the Undergarment:

- a) is not visible outside or beneath the playing kit; or, if visible:
- a.1) is the same dominant color as the item beneath which it is worn; does not display a team identifier, manufacturer identifier or decorative element; and does not display sponsor advertising.

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

- 18.1** Protective, non-hazardous equipment is permitted, including head protectors, face masks, knee protectors and arm protectors, provided that it is made of soft, lightweight and padded material. Goalkeeper caps and sports goggles may also be permitted subject to inspection by the match officials.

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ARTICLE 19

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1** Players, including substitutes, substituted players and dismissed players, shall not wear or use electronic or communication equipment. Team officials shall not use electronic communication unless it relates directly to player welfare or safety and is permitted under the applicable Laws of the Game and IMF competition instructions.

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ARTICLE 20

SAFETY

- 20.1** A player shall not use equipment or wear anything that presents a danger to the player or another person.
- 20.2** Jewellery, including chains, rings, bracelets, earrings, and leather or rubber bands, is prohibited and shall be removed. Jewellery may not be covered with adhesive tape instead of being removed.
- 20.3** Players shall be inspected before kick-off and substitutes before entering the field of play.
- 20.4** If a player wears or uses unauthorized or dangerous equipment or jewellery, the referee shall instruct the player to:
- a) remove the item
 - b) leave the field at the next stoppage if the player is unable or unwilling to comply immediately.

A player who fails or refuses to comply shall be cautioned in accordance with the applicable Laws of the Game.

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ARTICLE 21

COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT (UNIFORMS)

- 21.1** A player's compulsory equipment consists of a sleeved shirt, shorts, socks, shin guards and footwear. Any additional outer shirt or bib required for identification shall comply with competition instructions.
- 21.2** Adhesive tape or other material applied externally to a sock shall be the same colour as the part of the sock to which it is applied. A shin guard shall be made of suitable material to provide reasonable protection and shall be covered by the sock.
- 21.3** A goalkeeper may wear tracksuit bottoms.
- 21.4** A player who accidentally loses footwear or a shin guard shall replace it as soon as possible and no later than the next stoppage. If the player plays the ball or scores before replacing it, the goal shall not be disallowed solely for that reason.
- 21.5** Each player shall wear a long- or short-sleeved shirt bearing a back number from 1 to 99. The number shall be 25–25 cm high and shall correspond to the number recorded for that player on the match card.
- 21.6** If a player's shirt is damaged, it shall be replaced with a shirt of the same colour and bearing the same registered number.
- 21.7** Footwear with metal studs, rivets or blades is prohibited. Only flat footwear or footwear with flexible or molded plastic soles or studs is permitted, subject to inspection and the applicable Laws of the Game.



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ARTICLE 22

LOGOS, STATEMENTS, IMAGES AND ADVERTISING

- 22.1** Equipment shall not display a political, religious or personal slogan, statement, image or unauthorized logo.
- 22.2** A player shall not reveal an undergarment displaying a political, religious or personal slogan, statement or image, or advertising other than an authorized manufacturer identifier.
- 22.3** A breach of this Article may result in measures imposed by the IMF Disciplinary Committee or another competent IMF body in accordance with the IMF Disciplinary Code and applicable equipment regulations. The IMF Competitions Committee may refer any suspected breach to the competent IMF body.

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MATCH ORGANISATION AND REFEREEING

Start lists, match
officials, powers,
duties and review
technology



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ARTICLE 23

START LIST

- 23.1** The team manager or authorized representative shall report to the designated match administration area no later than 30 minutes before kick-off to complete and verify the match card with the referees and match observer.
- 23.2** If a team arrives 15 minutes or more after the official kick-off time without a justified reason, the match may be declared lost by forfeit, subject to a referee's report and a decision by the competent IMF body. The applicable score, disciplinary consequences, and force-majeure exceptions require confirmation under the IMF competition and disciplinary rules.

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ARTICLE 24

REFEREES

- 24.1** Each match shall be controlled by a referee who has full authority to apply the applicable IMF Laws of the Game in relation to the match.

24.2 Decisions of the referee

- 24.2.1** The referee shall make decisions to the best of their ability in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the spirit of the game. The referee has discretion to take appropriate action within the framework of those Laws.
- 24.2.2** The referee's decisions on facts connected with play are final, including decisions on whether a goal is awarded and the match result. The decisions of the referee and other match officials shall be respected.
- 24.2.3** The referee may not change a decision after realising it is incorrect, or on the advice of another match official, if play has restarted or if the referee has signalled the end of a playing period, including extra time, and has left the field or terminated the match, except where the applicable Laws of the Game expressly provide otherwise.
- 24.2.4** If the referee becomes unable to continue, play may continue under the supervision of another designated match official until the next stoppage, after which the approved replacement procedure shall apply.

24.3 Powers and duties

- 24.3.1** The referee shall apply the Laws of the Game.
- 24.3.2** The referee shall control and manage the match in cooperation with the other match officials.
- 24.3.3** The referee shall keep a record of the match and submit a report to the competent IMF authorities, including information on disciplinary measures and incidents occurring before, during or after the match.
- 24.3.4** The referee shall supervise or signal each restart of play.
- 24.3.5** The referee's positioning on the field shall comply with the applicable positioning provisions for when the ball is in and out of play.

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REFEREES (continued)

- 24.3.6** The first referee shall signal the start and end of the match and shall have final responsibility for match time, supported by the timekeeping arrangements authorised for the Competition.

24.4 Other match officials

- 24.4.1** A second referee, third referee, fourth referee and, where authorised, video assistant referee may be appointed to assist the referee in controlling the match in accordance with the Laws of the Game. The referee retains final decision-making authority.
- 24.4.2** If the referee and second referee disagree, the referee's decision shall prevail.
- 24.4.3** Other match officials operate under the referee's supervision. In the event of unjustified interference or inappropriate conduct, the referee may relieve an official of their duties and shall report the matter to the competent IMF authority.

24.5 Second referee

- 24.5.1** The second referee shall assist the referee with decisions concerning offences, infringements and necessary disciplinary measures.
- 24.5.2** The second referee shall report an offence when better positioned to observe it.
- 24.5.3** The second referee shall keep records of time, goals, offences and other relevant match events.
- 24.5.4** The second referee shall report misconduct or another incident that occurred outside the view of the other match officials.
- 24.5.5** The referee and third referee shall be informed of the content of any report made under Article 24.5.4.
- 24.5.6** The second referee shall replace the first referee if the first referee is unable to continue because of injury or illness.

24.6 Third referee

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ARTICLE 24

REFEREES (continued)

- 24.6.1** The third referee shall be positioned off the field on the side of the substitution areas, aligned with the halfway line.
- 24.6.2** The third referee shall assist with inspection of the field, players and player equipment, including confirmation that identified equipment issues have been corrected.
- 24.6.3** The third referee shall keep records of time, goals, offences and other relevant events and shall verify substitution procedures.
- 24.6.4** The third referee shall inspect replacement equipment before a player re-enters or participates in the match.
- 24.6.5** The third referee shall monitor the return of a player to the field after the referee's signal or permission and shall check replacement match balls.
- 24.6.6** The third referee shall monitor, under the supervision of the referees, the return of a player who was required to leave the field because of injury or to correct equipment.
- 24.6.7** The third referee shall inform the referees of a clear error in identifying, cautioning or sending off a player, or of violent conduct outside their field of view. Decisions on facts connected with play remain with the referee.
- 24.6.8** The third referee shall inform the referee of inappropriate conduct by any person on the field or in the technical area.
- 24.6.9** The third referee shall record other relevant match information and the list of participating players.
- 24.6.10** The third referee shall replace the second referee if the second referee is unable to continue.

24.7 Fourth referee

- 24.7.1** The fourth referee shall be positioned off the field on the side of the substitution areas, facing the halfway line.

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REFEREES (continued)

- 24.7.2** The fourth referee shall assist with inspection of the field, players and player equipment, including confirmation that identified issues have been corrected.
- 24.7.3** The fourth referee shall keep records of time, goals, offences and other relevant match events.
- 24.7.4** The fourth referee shall count the five-minute period following a player's expulsion where that period is required by the applicable Laws of the Game.
- 24.7.5** The fourth referee shall inform the third referee when a team may restore its number of players after an expulsion in accordance with the applicable Laws of the Game.
- 24.7.6** The fourth referee shall inform the referees of a clear error in identifying, cautioning or sending off a player, or of violent conduct outside their field of view. Decisions on facts connected with play remain with the referee.
- 24.7.7** The fourth referee shall inform the referee of inappropriate conduct by any person on the field or in the technical area.
- 24.7.8** The fourth referee shall indicate the minimum additional time determined by the referee at the end of each playing period, including extra time.
- 24.7.9** The fourth referee shall make the participating-player lists available in accordance with match administration procedures.
- 24.7.10** The fourth referee shall record other information relevant to the match and the participating-player lists.
- 24.7.11** The fourth referee shall replace the third referee if the third referee is unable to continue.

24.8 Reserve match official

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ARTICLE 24

REFEREES (continued)

The reserve match official shall replace a designated referee or assistant match official who is unable to continue, in accordance with the replacement procedure approved for the Competition. The precise title, appointment criteria and replacement order are: TBC — to be confirmed by the IMF Competitions Committee following technical validation.

24.9 Video assistant referee (VAR)

Where VAR is formally authorised for the Competition, a video assistant referee may assist the referee using replay footage only in relation to a clear and obvious error or serious missed incident concerning a goal/no-goal decision, a penalty/no-penalty decision, a direct red card, or mistaken identity when the wrong player is cautioned or sent off. VAR availability, infrastructure, protocol and appointment procedures are: TBC — to be confirmed by the IMF Competitions Committee following technical validation.

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CLOSING PROVISIONS

Special circumstances,
governance, copyright,
amendments and enforcement



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ARTICLE 25

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The IMF Competitions Committee is responsible for the operational management of the Competition and may issue instructions necessitated by special circumstances arising in the host country. Any duly issued instruction shall form an integral part of these Regulations, subject to the IMF Statutes and applicable IMF regulations.

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ARTICLE 26

MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matter not provided for in these Regulations, and any case of force majeure, shall be decided by the IMF Competitions Committee within its authority or referred to the competent IMF body. A decision shall be final and binding except to the extent that an appeal is permitted under the IMF Statutes or applicable IMF regulations.

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ARTICLE 27

LANGUAGES

If there is any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French or Spanish text of these Regulations, or another language version, the English text shall be authoritative.

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ARTICLE 28

COPYRIGHT

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ARTICLE 29

NO WAIVER

A waiver by the International Minifootball Federation (IMF) of a breach of these Regulations, including a document referred to in these Regulations, shall not operate as or be construed as a waiver of another breach of the same provision, a breach of another provision, or a waiver of a right arising under these Regulations or another document. A waiver is valid only if given in writing by a duly authorised IMF representative. A failure by IMF to insist on strict compliance with a provision of these Regulations or a referenced document on one or more occasions shall not constitute a waiver or deprive IMF of the right subsequently to require strict compliance with that or another provision.

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ARTICLE 30

AMENDMENTS

The International Minifootball Federation (IMF) may amend these Regulations at any time in accordance with the IMF Statutes and applicable IMF governance procedures. An amendment shall be published or otherwise formally communicated through the authorized IMF procedure before it is applied.

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ARTICLE 31

ENFORCEMENT

These Regulations shall enter into force upon formal approval by the International Minifootball Federation (IMF). Approval authority, approval date and effective date: August 2026

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CONTROLLED SCHEDULES, WORKFLOWS & RATIFICATION



Appendix material distinguishes editable operational structures from information still requiring formal IMF confirmation.

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APPENDIX A · OPEN OPERATIONAL ITEMS

Competition Operations Control Index

Operational item	Verified source position	Required action
Competition format	16-team / 32-match source framework	Formal format ratification
Group draw positions	Four groups of four	Publish seeded draw and teams
Match dates / kick-off times	01 – 06 November 2026	Approve detailed schedule
Host city / venues	Antalya Turkey 2026	Technical and operational approval
Registration channel	IMF World Cup Turkey 2026 – Official Registration	Publish official secure portal

◆ Every unverified Turkey-specific value is retained as TBC pending IMF confirmation.

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APPENDIX D · CONTROLLED METADATA

Document Control and Approval Status

Control field	Current value
Document title	IMF WORLD CUP TURKEY 2026 — Competition Regulations & Operations Handbook
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Competition administration	IMF Competitions Committee
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Effective date	August 2026
Official host city / venues	Antalya

◆ Populate only with verified values following formal IMF approval.

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