



**Caribbean Football Union
CFU Youth Cup 2007
Regulations**

PREAMBLE:

- A. The CFU Youth Cup is an official event of the Caribbean Football Union (hereafter referred to as CFU).
- B. It is played in a Preliminary Phase and Final Phase.
- C. Any rights that these regulations do not cede to a National Association participating in the Preliminary or Final Phases shall belong to the CFU.

I. TITLE - THE CARIBBEAN YOUTH CUP TOURNAMENT

- A. The CFU Youth Cup shall take place every year for the same age group. National Associations affiliated to the CFU are invited to participate along with other non-CFU affiliated Associations as decided by the Executive Committee.
- B. The CFU will present players of all participating nations with a certificate of participation.

II. ENTRIES

- A. All National U-15 teams of the CFU and formally invited teams have the right to participate.
- B. The competition will NOT serve as a qualifying competition for any CONCACAF or FIFA events.

III. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION

- A. The competition shall be played in **two** phases:
 - 1. The Preliminary Phase.
 - 2. The Final Phase.



B. The Preliminary Phase

1. The Preliminary Phase of the competition shall be played among teams from the Caribbean region in a group format. The draw will be determined by the Executive Committee of the CFU.
2. The matches of the Preliminary Phase of the competition shall be played in a venue or venues as determined by the Organizing Committee.

C. The Final Phase

1. The Final Phase will consist of Quarterfinals, Semifinals, Third place play-off and Final.
2. The First Place teams and best second place team from the Preliminary Phase and invited Associations will contest the Quarterfinals.

IV. WITHDRAWALS

A. Teams having entered the competition are obligated to play all their matches until they are eliminated. After having entered the tournament, a team that fails to participate, shall be penalized as follows, except in unforeseen circumstances and cases of *force majeure* as determined by the CFU Executive Committee.

B. If a withdrawal takes place:

1. After having entered the Tournament but before the date of the draw for the first round, a fine of US \$1,000.00 shall be imposed.
2. On or after the date of the draw but before the date of the first match of the Tournament, a fine of US \$3,000.00 shall be imposed.
3. Anytime during the Preliminary Round of the Tournament, a fine of US \$4,000.00 shall be imposed.
4. Anytime during the Quarterfinal Phase of the Tournament, a fine of US \$5,000.00 shall be imposed.
5. Anytime during the Semifinal or Final Phases of the Tournament, a fine of US \$7,500.00 shall be imposed.
6. Depending on circumstances and the decision of the CFU Executive Committee, a team which withdraws at any stage of the competition may be ordered to reimburse the Organising Committee and the CFU any expenses they may have incurred for the withdrawing team as a result of



its proposed involvement in the competition and also pay compensation for any damages or losses arising from its withdrawal.

7. Penalties specified herein will not be applied in cases of *force majeure*, as verified by the CFU Executive Committee.
8. The National Association of any penalized team shall be responsible for ensuring that specified sanctions are carried out and complied with.

V. THE CFU ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

A. The Organizing Committee for the CFU Youth Cup, appointed by the CFU Executive Committee, shall be responsible for the organization of the competition.

B. The Organizing Committee may, if deemed necessary, establish a bureau and/or a sub-committee to deal with urgent matters. Any decision taken by the bureau or the sub-committee shall become immediately effective but will be subject to confirmation by the Organising Committee at its next meeting.

C. The Organizing Committee shall, amongst other matters, be responsible for:

1. Preliminary and Final Phases:
 - a. Imposing fines specifically provided for by these regulations.
 - b. Dealing with protests.
 - c. Appointing Match Commissioners and/or Security officers.
 - d. Deciding which laboratories, if any, will carry out doping analyses.
 - e. Dealing with breaches of the doping regulations.
 - f. Settling cases of *force majeure*.
 - g. Deciding which matches, if any, will be subject to doping tests.
2. Competition Phases:
 - a. Forming groups and/or sub-groups.
 - b. Fixing the dates and venues for matches.
 - c. Supervising general preparations.
 - d. After consultation with the Host Association, fixing the dates and venues for the matches.
 - e. Determining kick-off times.
 - f. Choosing the official football and the stipulated technical material.

D. The Organizing Committee's decisions shall be final.



VI. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- A.** In cases of infringement of these Regulations, unsporting behaviour on the part of referees, participating Teams, their players, officers and/or directors, or the occurrence of any kind of unsavoury incident, the CFU Disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to:
1. Admonish, sanction, fine, suspend or disqualify players, referees, teams, team coaches or officials.
 2. Take action in accordance with FIFA's Disciplinary Measures against any person(s) or National Association(s) that may have violated the Tournament Regulations, the Laws of the Game or the rules of Fair Play.
 3. Sanction players, team officials, coaches, physicians and other Team or National selection officers who are deemed guilty of provocation.
 4. Prohibit violators from participating in a specific number of CFU organized tournaments in which they might otherwise have participated.
- B.** Breach of regulations or unsporting behaviour on the part of participating National Associations or their officials, shall be reported by the Disciplinary Committee to the CFU Executive Committee for application of such sanctions as it may deem appropriate.
- C.** When taking a decision, the Disciplinary Committee shall refer to the reports made by the referee, assistant referees and fourth official, match commissioner, referees' inspector, general coordinator, technical delegate, security officer and other CFU officials present. It may also refer to television and/or video recordings. They may be used as evidence but only as far as disciplinary aspects of the case being dealt with are concerned and shall not affect a referee's decision regarding facts connected with play.
- D.** The Disciplinary Committee may convene a personal hearing and will decide the procedure to be followed.
- E.** The following decisions of the Disciplinary Committee shall not be subject to appeal:
1. Cautions and censures imposed on players, referees, assistant referees, fourth officials, delegation officials, other persons or national associations.



2. Suspensions from up to two matches imposed on players, referees, assistant referees, fourth officials, delegation officials or other persons.
 3. Fines imposed on players, delegations, referees, assistance referees, fourth officials, delegation officials or other persons (not exceeding US \$ 3,500.00) or on National Associations (**not** exceeding US \$ 10,000.00)
 4. Appeals against any other decisions taken by the Disciplinary Committee may be lodged with the Appeal Committee of the CFU.
- F. The appropriate Association under the provisions of its own Regulations shall punish any other offenses that may be committed during the course of the CFU Youth Cup by Team officers, technicians or other personnel. For this purpose, the Disciplinary Committee shall refer to the appropriate Association the referee's report of the match in question. The Association will, in turn, report back to the CFU on the resolution of the matter and any disciplinary action taken.
- G. If, through the fault of any National Association, a match cannot take place or be played in its entirety, the Organizing Committee shall declare the match to be forfeited (awarding victory and the resultant three (3) points to the opposing team, as well as a score of 3:0, or more if the opposing team has already achieved a greater margin of victory and shall eliminate the guilty team from the competition).
- H. If the suspension of a match was the result of negligence on the part of the stadium authorities, the stadium in which an interrupted match is held may be suspended for the remaining games of the CFU Youth Cup.
- I. If a game is suspended due to the withdrawal, the team(s) refusing to complete the match shall be ineligible to participate in the next two CFU Youth Cups.
- J. Any other infringement of these Regulations, whether by players, referees, officials, coaches or officers that are punishable by economic sanctions shall be reported to the General Secretariat of the CFU for consideration by the Executive Committee.
- K. The appropriate Association thereof must pay all economic penalties assessed no later than thirty (30) days after notification. Unless otherwise specified, the total amount of all fines will accrue to the CFU.



VII. APPEAL COMMITTEE

- A.** The CFU Appeal Committee shall hear all appeals lodged against decisions passed by the Disciplinary Committee that are not final according to these regulations.
- B.** The procedure to be applied by the Appeal Committee is defined in the Regulations governing the CFU Appeal Committee's function.
- C.** The Appeal Committee shall reach its decisions on the basis of the documents and other means of evidence contained in the Disciplinary Committee's fine. However, the Appeal Committee may, if necessary, resort to further evidence (including television and video recordings etc.) which it considers relevant.
- D.** Decisions pronounced by the Appeal Committee are final.

VIII. PROTESTS

- A.** Protests subject to the following provisions are objections of any kind connected with matches organized in the Preliminary and Final Phases of the CFU Youth Cup.
- B.** Protests shall be submitted, except if the following provisions stipulate a different procedure, in writing to the Match Commissioner or the CFU representative at the match, no later than two (2) hours after the games and followed up by a faxed letter to be sent to the CFU's General Secretariat within twenty-four (24) hours of the match in question. A written report by the Match Commissioner, including the original protest must to be sent to the CFU's General Secretariat within three days.
- C.** Protests against the eligibility of players taking part in any matches shall be submitted in writing to the referee or the Match Commissioner not later than two (2) hours after the match in question and confirmed by letter to be sent to the CFU's General Secretariat within twenty-four (24) hours of the match in question.
- D.** Protests against any incidents that occur during a match shall be directed to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed. The protest shall be confirmed in writing to the Match Commissioner or the CFU representative at the match by the head of the team delegation not after than two (2) hours after the match in question.



- E. Protests as to the state of the pitch, markings, the accessory equipment (goals etc) or the ball will be made to the referee before the start of the match. If, in the opinion of the captain, the turf becomes unplayable during the match, the Captain of the team concerned shall immediately inform the Referee in the presence of the Captain of the opposing team.
- F. No protests may be made against the referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final.
- G. If a frivolous or irresponsible protest is lodged, the Organizing Committee responsible may impose a fine of not less than US \$100.00 on the guilty team(s).
- H. Once the winning team of the CFU Youth Cup has been proclaimed, any protest or complaint about the sports procedure followed during the competition shall be disregarded.

IX. MATCHES PLAYED ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME

- A. All matches will be played under the Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
- B. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English text shall be authoritative.
- C. A maximum for fourteen (14) persons shall be allowed on the team bench, seven (7) officials and seven (7) substitutes, unless expressly allowed otherwise by the CFU Executive Committee. The names of these persons and their functions must be indicated on the relevant form provided prior to the start of the match.

X. DURATION, EXTRA TIME, PENALTY KICKS, SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Each match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising two periods of forty (40) minutes with an interval of fifteen (15) minutes in between.
- B. For the purposes of this competition a maximum of five (5) substitutes shall be allowed.
- C. If, during the Final Phases, extra time must be played as the result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consist of two (2) periods of ten



(10) minutes each, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.

- D. Should one of the teams score more goals in extra time than the other, the team scoring the most goals will be declared the winner.
- E. If at the end of the twenty (20) minutes of extra time the teams are still tied, kicks from the penalty spot shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
- F. Clocks in the stadium showing the amount of time played may run during the match provided that they are stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half. i.e., after forty (40) and eighty (80) minutes respectively. This stipulation shall also apply in the event of extra time being played (i.e. ten (10) minutes of each half)
- G. At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (40 and 80 minutes), the referee shall indicate to the fourth official, orally or by gesturing with his hands, the number of minutes that he has decided to allow for time lost. This applies also to the two periods of 10 minutes of extra time. Each allowance shall be announced to the public by the fourth official using the substitution cards or electronic display boards and by the public address announcer.

XI. FIELD OF PLAY, STADIA, BALLS

- A. The fields of play and the accessory equipment shall comply with the provisions stipulated in the Laws of the Game. The fields and the facilities shall be in optimum condition.
- B. As a general rule, matches may be played in stadia, which are all-seated.
- C. The matches of the CFU Youth Cup may be played on natural turf and artificial surfaces. Where artificial surfaces are used, the surface must meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Concept for artificial turf or the International Artificial Turf Standards, unless specific dispensation is granted by the CFU.
- D. The Organizing Committee shall guarantee that the fields of play chosen for the Tournament comply with the Laws of the Game. They shall be subject to the approval of the Organizing Committee.



- E. The footballs for the Preliminary and Final Phases shall be supplied by the CFU and shall also bear the designation "FIFA approved".

XII. COMMERCIAL REFERENCE TO EVENT AND ADVERTISING PROVISIONS

- A. Participating Teams shall agree, as a condition of their participation that the terms "the Caribbean Youth Tournament", "CFU U-15 Football Tournament", "Caribbean Youth Cup" "CFU Youth Cup" or "Campeonato Sub-15 Juvenil" commonly used to identify the CFU Youth Cup, and their equivalent, abbreviated or as translated into other languages, may only be used by such Teams in a sporting context with no commercial implications. The CFU owns the copyright to these terms.
- B. The participating Associations shall also agree to abide by any advertising provisions issued by the CFU that is not in conflict with their own domestic regulations.
- C. Entry Forms
1. A team participating in the Preliminary Phase shall ensure, as a condition of its participation in the CFU Youth Cup, that all match forms are fully completed and submitted at minimum twenty-one (21) days before the Tournament.
 2. A team participating in the Final Phase shall ensure, as a condition of its participation in the CFU Youth Cup, every member of its delegation (officials and players) complete an entry form drawn up by the CFU.

XIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH ENTITY INVOLVED

- A. Each Association that participates in a match shall be responsible for:
- a. Guaranteeing law and order among its members and supporters in the stadia, if necessary in collaboration with relevant authorities.
 - b. Complying with the guidelines and instructions issued by the CFU;
 - c. Behaviour of the members of its delegation (officials and players);
 - d. Health, accident and travel insurance cover for its full delegation;



- e. Paying for their own air travel to and from the host country and any costs in obtaining visas for their delegation;
- f. Applying for visas in good time from the diplomatic mission of the host country, if necessary;
- g. Paying for incidental expenses incurred by delegation members during the course of their stay in the host country, including laundering except team uniforms and for any cost incurred by additional members of the delegation in excess of the persons allotted for;
- h. Paying for any costs of extending the stay;
- i. Returning the information requested by the CFU by the dates & times specified;
- j. Attending press conferences and other media activities organized by the CFU in a timely manner.

B. The Organizing Committee is responsible for:

1. Overall staging of the competition in a professional manner.
2. Execution, Promotion & Finances - executing, promoting and financing of the above mentioned tournament, as approved by CFU, providing a final accounting for the tournament within thirty (30) days of the final match of the Tournament.
3. Security - providing adequate security for all participants, National Associations, officials and match officials from arrival to departure.
4. Insurance - ensuring that insurance coverage is provided for each team.
5. Stadium and Training Facilities - ensuring that both the stadium and training fields are in conditions suitable for such an event.
6. Liaisons - assigning a dedicated individual, for the duration of the event (arrival to departure) who shall be responsible for:
 - a. Assisting in the coordination of local transportation, changes to hotel/meal arrangements, baggage collection and any other needs as they arise
 - b. The participating teams, thereby he or she must be fluent in the primary language of the country assigned.
 - c. The Game officials;
 - d. Match Commissioners and Commission representative.
7. Media - Appoint an individual who shall be responsible for media relations and advise CFU's Communication Department fourteen (14)



days in advance of the event the name of the person, together with his/her contact numbers (phone/cellular, phone/fax, email address) BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the event. The person appointed will:

- a. Ensure that the media facilities are in the best possible conditions.
 - b. Assist the media in their general inquiries
 - c. Ensure that teams' sheets with correct player names/number/positions etc are available to the media in a timely manner, prior to kick-off.
 - d. Distribute to the media copies of the Media Guide or any other materials, which will be supplied by the CFU.
 - e. Arrange, as far as possible, for the installation of one dedicated phone line for CFU's use ONLY for charge calls.
 - f. Complete the CFU Match Report form (provided by CFU) within ninety (90) minutes of completion of each match and either e-mail or send it to the designated individual at CFU at (868) 625 - 9606. Before sending, the person must first verify with the Fourth Official the names of the goal scorers, substitutions and red and/or yellow cards.
8. Team Hospitality: For twenty-three (23) person delegation.
- a. Local Transportation
 - i. Airport
 - ii. Training Sites
 - iii. Games
 - b. Accommodation (Room and Board etc.) - pursuant to CFU's approval
 - i. Rooms - six (6) triple rooms, two (2) double rooms and one (1) single room or as determined by the CFU Executive Committee.
 - ii. Meals for twenty-three (23) persons.
 - iii. Laundry - will make facilities available or recommend facilities for the teams to do their laundry.



- c. Visas for visiting Teams – where necessary, will request handling from the Government agency responsible for visas to expedite requests for teams and delegates.
- d. Airport Taxes – Pay any local airport taxes in the host country.

9. Game Officials and Commission Members' Hospitality

- 1. Local Transportation – to and from:
 - i. Airport transfers
 - ii. Matches
 - iii. Team hotels for passport inspections or event related meetings.
- 2. Accommodation
 - i. Single room for Commission Members appointed to the tournament or as designated by the CFU Executive Committee.
 - ii. Double rooms for Referees (two per room) or as designated by the CFU Executive Committee.
 - iii. Meals as arranged with the CFU.

C. CFU

- 1. The Secretariat, in conjunction with the Organizing Committee, will be responsible for:
 - a. Overall supervision of the event
 - b. Direction of the Media functions during the tournament or provide instructions and to provide the Media Guide and other materials.
 - c. Arranging and paying the air transportation and airport departure taxes of tournament officials.
 - d. Paying the daily allowances for the tournament officials.
 - e. Collecting of team information (i.e. team lists, rooming lists, menus, travel itineraries, visa information and uniform colour chart).
 - f. Assisting the Organizing Committee with the daily operations of the Tournament.
 - g. Disciplinary Measures and communication of actions taken.
 - h. Daily assignment of officials for the matches.
 - i. Providing practice balls to the teams upon arrival.



- j. Delivery of the game balls for each match to the venue.
- k. Providing certificates of participation.

XIV. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- A.** Each participating Association shall select its National Representative team from players who are subjects of its country and under its jurisdiction and who satisfy the age requirement of the CFU Youth Cup. A player who is elected to represent his country in the Tournament must be **born on or after January 1st, 1992.**
- B.** Each player must be in possession of a legal, individual passport containing an up to date photograph and giving full particulars on the date of birth (day, month, year) of the player. If the player is not in possession of a legal individual passport he shall not be allowed to participate in the Tournament.

C. ROSTERS FOR FINAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

1. Provisional List of Players

Participating National Associations must provide their "List of Players", on the official form, to the office of the CFU General Secretariat, at least fifteen (15) days before their first match. The list is not binding and must contain the names of at least 20 players. The list will be used for event promotion and data management.

2. Final Roster

Participating National Associations must provide their Final Roster of eighteen (18) players, on the official form, to the Venue Coordinator upon arrival at the venue.

D. CONFIRMATION OF ELEGIBILITY

- 1. Inspection Meeting - The General Coordinator, his designee or the match commissioner will check the passport details with each player the day before their opening match.
- 2. Uniform Numbers - The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond to the numbers indicated on the Final Roster.

E. REPLACEMENT OF INJURED OR ILL PLAYERS

- 1. Players included on the Final Roster who suffer serious injuries or become ill so that they cannot play, as certified by the team's Doctor and Head of



Delegation, may be replaced up to 24 hours prior to the team's first match. In those cases, the National Association concerned will be authorized to add players not already included on the Final Roster and will immediately inform the General Coordinator in writing.

2. The General Coordinator must be provided with all required information, if not previously provided, and passports upon the players' arrivals.
 3. No changes will be permitted within 24 hours of opening matches or thereafter.
- F. Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match. Victory and the resultant three points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3:0 or more if the opposing team has already achieved a margin of difference in excess of 3-0.

XV. DOPING CONTROL

- A. Doping is the use of certain substances or methods capable of artificially enhancing the physical and/or mental condition of a player, with a view to improving his athletic and mental performance. It is prohibited.
- B. Only the Organizing Committee is empowered to arrange doping tests and to decide at which laboratories and who shall carry out the analyses. Every player in a team, including substitute players, shall be bound to undergo doping tests.
- C. The Organizing Committee reserves the right:
1. To arrange random doping tests during the Preliminary Phase.
 2. To arrange doping tests at all the matches of the Final Phase.
 3. To take action against any player or team that refuses to take a doping test, falsifies the result of a test or attempts to do so or is found guilty of having taken prohibited substances, whether intentionally or not.

XVI. REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The participating National Associations shall comply with the current FIFA Equipment Regulations with the exception of the provisions regarding the Player Names as outlined below. Players and officials are not allowed to visibly display political,



religious, commercial or personal messages in any language or form on their playing kit, equipment or body.

A. Players' Names (optional)

1. Players may be identified by means of their surname or an abbreviation or nickname on their shirts. The player's name shall correspond with the name on the players' list.
2. If used, players' names shall be placed on the back of the shirt, above the number.
3. The capital letters used for the names shall not exceed 7.5 cm (seven and a half centimeters) in height. They may be surrounded by a border or shadow outline to ensure better legibility.
4. The colour of the names shall contrast clearly (light on dark or vice versa) with the colours of the players' shirts or appear on a neutral coloured patch.
5. The capital letters used shall be one single colour and shall be free of advertising, design features or other elements.

XVII. REFEREES, ASSISTANT REFEREES AND FOURTH OFFICIALS

- A.** The referees and assistant referees chosen for the matches in all Phases as far as possible shall be from a country whose team is not included in the same group as the match in question. They shall, as far as possible, be selected from participating nations.
- B.** The CFU Referees' Committee shall appoint the referees and assistant referees for the matches in all Phases. Two referees and two assistant referees shall be appointed for each match.
- C.** The CFU's Referees' Committee decisions shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- D.** After each match the referee shall complete an official CFU report form. In the Preliminary Phase, he shall send this report within 24 hours to the CFU's General Secretariat.

XVIII. TECHNICAL RULES

The Tournament will be played in two phases – a Preliminary Phase and a Final Phase.

A. Preliminary Phase



1. The teams participating in the Preliminary Phase shall be advised of the groups and the match schedule at least fifteen (15) days before the start of the Tournament.
2. The Group Stage of the Preliminary Phase shall be played in groups of four (4) teams each. Three (3) points will be credited for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.
3. The first and best second placed team of each of the groups will automatically qualify for the quarterfinals.
4. At the end of group play, if two or more teams are equal on points (including ties among third place teams) the manner in which the teams will advance to the next round will be resolved as follows and in the order indicated:
 - a. The greatest number of points obtained in Group matches between the teams concerned;
 - b. The difference between goals for and goals against from all group matches;
 - c. The team having scored the most goals from all group matches
 - d. Failing this, the qualified team shall be determined by a drawing of lots carried out by members of the Organizing Committee.

B. The Final Phase

1. The schedule of the Tournament shall be determined by the CFU Executive Committee.

XIX. MEDIA ADVERTISING AND MERCHANDISING

- A.** Marketing, Radio, Television Promotion and Advertising rights for the Tournament are fully vested with the CFU.
- B.** Concessions for souvenir sales, official programmes and others of a similar nature are fully vested with the CFU.
- C.** Rights for the merchandising of the event, both on and off site, are exclusively CFU's.
- D.** Technical Films/Tapes - permission to make technical films/tapes, exclusively reserved for the use of a participating Member Association concerned, shall be obtained from the General Secretariat of the CFU.



XX. PROTOCOL

- A. During the Tournament the FIFA fair play flag, the CFU flag and the flags of the host country and both competing National Associations should be flown at every match inside the ground. The Fair Play anthem should be played while the teams are entering the field, followed by the National Anthems of the two contestants during the lineup.

XXI. COPYRIGHT

- A. Copyright of the fixtures and matches adopted by the Executive Committee and drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these regulations are the property of the CFU.

XXII. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

The CFU Executive Committee, whose decisions shall be final, will resolve matters not provided for in these Regulations.

In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, Spanish or French texts of these Regulations, the English text shall be authoritative.

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