



# U-17 AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS QUALIFIERS 2025



## *TotalEnergies* U-17 Africa Cup of Nations - COSAFA Qualifiers **Regulations**

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## Article 1: Title

- 1.1 The tournament shall be called the *TotalEnergies* U-17 Africa Cup of Nations - COSAFA Qualifiers and shall be organised by COSAFA.
- 1.2 The tournament is open to all representative teams of the national associations affiliated to COSAFA.
- 1.3 The tournament will be governed at all times by the Statutes and Regulations of FIFA and COSAFA. The tournament will be played as Association Football as specifically controlled by FIFA and as regulated by the Laws of the Game.
- 1.4 These Regulations govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of COSAFA, Organizing Association(s), Member Associations, Participating Teams, Participating Players, and Participating Officials taking part in the Competition.
- 1.5 These Regulations and all related directives, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by COSAFA and by CAF and shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organization, and hosting of the Competition.
- 1.6 The Organizing Association Agreement (OAA) forms an integral part and shall be read in conjunction with these Regulations. The OAA shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organization, and hosting of the Competition. Failure to adhere to any matter set out in the OAA may lead to the imposition of sanctions as set out in the COSAFA or FIFA and/or CAF Disciplinary and Ethics Code. In the event of any discrepancy

between these Regulations and the OAA, these Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

1.7 Any rights and proprietary interests associated with the Competition that are not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to any OAA shall vest in COSAFA.

1.8 Any reference to the COSAFA Statutes and to FIFA and/or CAF Regulations refers to those valid at the time of application.

## **Article 2: ORGANISATION OF TOURNAMENT**

- i. In each year of the tournament, COSAFA shall designate an Organising Committee that shall be included in the COSAFA Delegation for the Tournament. The Organising Committee shall be responsible for all matters relating to the tournament.
- ii. A Local Organising Committee shall be designated by the Host Association with the responsibility to provide and oversee all local infrastructure, services and/or resources and to liaise at all times with the COSAFA Organising Committee.

## **Article 3: TROPHY AND MEDALS**

- i. The trophy called the COSAFA U17 Youth Championship shall be held by the winning Nation's Association but shall remain the property of COSAFA.
- ii. The trophy shall be returned to the General Secretariat of COSAFA two months prior to the Draw for the following year's tournament.
- iii. If a team wins the tournament a third time consecutively, such team will be entitled to keep the trophy. In this instance, a new trophy will be supplied by COSAFA.

- iv. If, for any reason, the tournament should cease to be held, the trophy must be returned to COSAFA.
- v. The winning association engages to take at its own responsibility all the appropriate measures to ensure the security of the trophy throughout all the time it is within their possession.
- vi. COSAFA shall offer twenty-six (26) gold medals to the winner; twenty-six (26) silver medals to the runners up and twenty-six (26) bronze medals for the team that finishes in third place.
- vii. A fair-play award shall be given to the team which will have shown the best sporting spirit and fair-play during the tournament.

#### **Article 4: Other Prizes and Awards**

- i. Player of the tournament award will be presented to the best player of the entire tournament on the basis of a ranking compiled by COSAFA Technical Study group.
- ii. Golden Boot award will be presented to the player who scored the most goals in the tournament. If two or more players score the same number of goals, the number of assists (as determined by members of the COSAFA Technical Study Group) shall be decisive.
- iii. Golden Glove award will be presented to the best goalkeeper in the tournament.

#### **Article 5: Stages of the Tournament**

- i. The tournament will be staged in two parts, the first being a Group stage and the second being a Knock-Out stage.
- ii. GROUP ROUND

- a) The 12 (Twelve) participating teams will be drawn into 3 (Three) groups of 4 (Four) teams each. The COSAFA ranking system shall be determined by the teams' performances in the previous edition of this competition.
- b) The (1) host country, (2) winners of the previous edition of the tournament and the (3) runners-up of the previous edition of the tournament will be seeded into the top position of the three groups respectively. Each team will play the other teams in their respective Groups once.
- c) The classification of the groups shall be established as follows:-
  - 3 points for the winner;
  - 1 point for a draw;
  - 0 point for a loss.
- d) The Group winners will be determined based on the total number of points attained at the end of the Group matches. Should two teams finish on an equal number of points, the result will be determined by:
  - a) Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the teams concerned;
  - b) The best goal difference resulting from all group matches;
  - c) Greater number of goals scored in all group matches;
  - d) Fair Play point system in which the number of yellow and red cards are evaluated as follows:

- a) One point will be allocated to the team for every yellow card shown to a player.
  - b) Two points will be allocated to the team for every red card shown to a player.
  - c) Where a player receives a red card in a match, any yellow card/s received in the same match will not be counted.
  - d) The team accumulating the fewest points will be the winner of the group
  - e) Drawing of lots by the COSAFA Organising Committee.
- e) In case of equality between more than two teams at the end of the group matches, the teams will be ranked according to the following criteria in the order listed below:
- i) The greatest number of points obtained in the matches between the teams concerned;
  - ii) The best goal difference in the matches between the teams concerned;
  - iii) The greatest number of goals scored in the matches between the teams concerned;
  - iv) If after applying criteria i to iii, two teams are still equal, i to iii criteria are again applied to matches played between the two teams in question to determine the final ranking of the two teams. If this procedure does not allow classifying them, the criteria listed below will be applied in the indicated order: -



- The best goal difference in all group matches;
  - The highest number of goals scored in all group matches;
  - Fair Play point system in which the number of yellow and red cards are evaluated as follows:
    - a) One point will be allocated to the team for every yellow card shown to a player.
    - b) Two points will be allocated to the team for every red card shown to a player.
    - c) Where a player receives a red card in a match, any yellow card/s received in the same match will not be counted.
    - e) The team accumulating the fewest points will be the winner of the group
  - A drawing of lots conducted by the COSAFA Organizing Committee.
- f) The Best Second position will be determined from the teams finishing second in each Group and according to the following criteria, in the order given below:
- i) Higher number of points the teams concerned obtained in the Group matches;
  - ii) Superior goal difference the teams concerned had in the Group matches;
  - iii) Higher number of goals the teams concerned scored in Group matches;

iv) Fair Play conduct of the teams concerned in terms of yellow or red cards accumulated in Group matches.

### iii. KNOCK OUT Stage

a) The winners of the three groups and the best 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team from across the groups will compete in the Semi-Finals fixtures. The Semi-Finals fixture format will commence as follows:

**Winner B vs Winner C**

**Winner A vs Best 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

b) Should the Best 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team come from Group A, the fixtures will be played as follows:

**Winner of Group B vs Best 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (A)**

**Winner of Group A vs Winner of Group C**

c) Semi-Final winners will contest the tournament Final.

d) All matches of the knock-out phase of the tournament must yield a result failing which:

i) If, in the Semi-Final round, the teams are tied at the end of regulation time, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.

- ii) If, in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Classification match, the teams are tied at the end of regulation time, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.
- iii) If, in the Final match, the teams are tied at the end of regulation time, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.

## **Article 6: ORGANISATION OF MATCHES**

- i. The Organising Committee shall determine the fixtures list. The times and venues of matches shall be determined by the Organising Committee which shall take into account the suitability of venues for television coverage.
- ii. A team start list should be submitted to the General Coordinator upon arrival, 90 minutes before kickoff at the stadium.
- iii. A maximum of 7 technical officials are permitted on the team bench.
- iv. The schedule of matches once agreed upon shall be final and binding on all participants. Fixtures may only be changed in the case of force majeure or under exceptional circumstances as determined by the Organising Committee. In the event that a postponement is agreed to by the Organising Committee, the Organising Committee shall be empowered to make such award as to wasted costs as it may deem appropriate.
- v. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlights. If matches are played under floodlights, there must be a complete power backup system and the lights must have a minimum 1200 lux rating over the entire playing surface.
- vi. All matches may be played on natural or artificial grass pitches.

- vii. In case the host association organises the match on artificial turf, the visiting team shall have the right to two training sessions on the field in question, one of which at least at the time fixed for kick-off.
- viii. If watering of the pitch is technically indispensable, it must be carried out by the LOC in good time prior to kick-off. The General Coordinator of the match in question shall see to it that these requirements and instructions incidental thereto are complied with.
- ix. The matches shall be played in accordance with the laws decided by the International F.A. Board and promulgated by FIFA.
- x. The matches should not start earlier than 12h00 or later than 22h00.
- xi. Adequate ground transport shall be put at the disposal of the teams, the referees and other match Officials.
- xii. In case of a clash of the dates fixed by COSAFA with the regional, sub-regional and national competitions, priority will be given to the competitions of COSAFA.
- xiii. If the referee is forced to stop the match before the end of the regular time because of pitch invasion or aggression against the visiting team, the host team shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated from the competition, without prejudice to the sanctions provided for in the regulations.

#### **Article 7: WITHDRAWALS, REFUSAL TO PLAY, REPLACEMENT**

- i. For any team taking part in the tournament, the concerned Member Association must enter its best representative team. If an association declares through its officials including the coaches that it will enter a team other than its best representative team, the Organising Committee shall impose all the necessary sanctions. All

Member Associations undertake that their participating teams shall play all of their matches in the Competition until elimination.

- ii. If, for any reason whatsoever, a team withdraws from the tournament or does not report for a match or refuses to play or leaves the ground before the regular end of the match without the authorisation of the referee, it shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated for good from the tournament.
- iii. A team that shall not be present on the ground, dressed to play at the time fixed for kick-off or at most 15 minutes later, shall forfeit the match. The referee shall register the absence of the team and shall write it in his report. The Organising Committee shall take the final decision in this respect.
- iv. The guilty team under the terms of articles 7.2 and 7.3 shall be eliminated for good from the tournament. This team shall lose its matches by 3-0 unless the opponent has scored a more advantageous result at the moment when the match was interrupted, in this case this score will be maintained. The Organising Committee may adopt further measures.
- v. The guilty team shall be eliminated from the tournament and as a result none of its matches shall be taken into consideration, unless the incidents mentioned in article 7.3 did not occur in the last group match. The Organising Committee may adopt further measures.
- vi. In the case of a Member Association withdrawing from the Competition, the COSAFA Organizing Committee shall be responsible for making any decisions, including without limitation whether to: -
  - a) Replace the Member Association;

- b) Change the Competition System, and/ or;
  - c) Change the technical rules.
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- vii. All decisions of the COSAFA Organizing Committee in this regard shall be final and binding and are not appealable.
  - viii. Any member association that withdraws its team from the Competition shall be fined as follows: -
    - ix. Any member association declaring forfeit after having been registered and before the drawing of lots shall lose its entry fees and is liable to a fine of one thousand two hundred and fifty (1250) U.S. dollars. It shall also not be allowed to participate in the next edition of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations, except in cases of force majeure as defined by the Organising Committee of COSAFA.
    - x. Any member Association declaring forfeit after the drawing of lots and before the start of matches is liable to a fine of two thousand and five hundred (2.500) U.S. dollars. It will also not be allowed to participate in the next edition of the U-17 Africa Cup of Nations, except in cases of force majeure as defined by the Organising Committee.
    - xi. Any member association declaring forfeit after the start of the matches is liable to a fine of five thousand (5.000) U.S. dollars. It will also not be allowed to participate in the next edition of the U-20 Africa Cup of Nations.
    - xii. The COSAFA Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions in its discretion upon the issue being referred to it by the COSAFA Organizing Committee.

- xiii. If a team withdraws at the start of the tournament without playing all the matches of its group, it shall be considered loser of all the remaining matches it was scheduled to play by the score of three to nil.
- xiv. If a team withdraws after having obtained its qualification for the quarterfinals, it shall be replaced by the team that is classified next in the group.
- xv. If a team withdraws after having reached the semi-finals, it shall be replaced by the team that is classified next in the group.
- xvi. If a finalist team refuses to play the final, it shall be replaced by the team it has eliminated in the semi-final. The other losing semi-finalist shall be declared third of the tournament.
- xvii. Reserves are made as to cases of force majeure and shall be decided by the Organising Committee.
- xviii. If a country having been entrusted with the organisation of the tournament of the *Total Energies* U-17 Africa Cup of Nations | COSAFA Qualifiers is desisting or the organization has been withdrawn from it shall be subject, in addition to further disciplinary sanctions, to a fine fixed according to the following scale:
  - a) Withdrawal notified two or more years prior to the final tournament: a fine of one hundred thousand (100,000) U.S. dollars.
  - b) Withdrawal notified within one year before the date of the final tournament: a fine of three hundred thousand (300,000) U.S. dollars and a suspension of the next edition of *Total Energies* U-17 Africa cup of Nations| COSAFA Qualifiers of its A national team, without considering the concerned edition

- c) Withdrawal notified less than six months before the date of the final tournament: a fine of five hundred thousand (500,000) U.S. dollars and this association will bear the expenses of all moral and financial damage suffered by COSAFA and the participants. Its A national team will also be suspended for the next two editions of *Total Energies* U-17 Africa Cup of Nations| COSAFA Qualifiers, without considering the concerned edition.

## **Article 8: RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT OR OTHER POINT OF ENTRY**

- i. The Local Organising Committee shall meet the visiting delegations at the airport or other point of entry upon arrival and must provide all possible facilities and assist with immigration, customs and other formalities.
- ii. An official, who preferably speaks the language of the visiting delegation, shall be at the disposal of each visiting delegation and shall act as Liaison Officer. The cost of providing a liaison officer shall be paid by the Local Organising Committee. The Local Organising Committee shall be responsible for all formalities relating to visas, temporary work permits and government required media accreditation for the visiting teams, Referees, COSAFA Officials, marketing representatives, sponsors' representatives and



television and media crews. It is the responsibility of any/all of the aforementioned visitors to notify the Host Association at least 5 days prior to arrival of any visa requirements or similar documentation.

- iii. The Member Association of the teams participating in the tournament must inform COSAFA of the full and final composition of their travelling party and the date of intended **arrival of their teams to the capital city of the host Venue by not later than fourteen (14) days before the date scheduled for the start of the tournament.**

#### **Article 9: TRANSPORT FACILITIES**

- i. One bus for Players and one chauffeur driven car for the Head of Delegation shall be put at the disposal of each of the visiting teams for all official needs (Matches, Training sessions, Official Meetings and to/from Airport with transport being arranged in line with Sustainable Events). Should the visiting teams require additional transportation beyond the official trips, this will be for their own account. Chauffeur driven vehicles shall also be made available to members of the COSAFA Delegation and the Referees in accordance with the requirements set out by COSAFA and notified to the Local Organising Committee.

#### **Article 10: ACCOMMODATION**

- i. Accommodation shall be provided in suitable hotels for participating Teams. Officials and players of the visiting delegations may be accommodated in the same hotel. Accommodation shall be

provided for a maximum of 26 persons in a configuration of sharing accommodation for players and single accommodation for officials per delegation.

- ii. Accommodation for the Referees and members of the Referees Committee shall be separate from that of participating teams. However, under exceptional circumstances, Referees and members of the Referees Committee may be accommodated with the participating teams.

#### **Article 11: TRAINING FACILITIES**

- i. Suitable training facilities shall be provided by the Local Organising Committee for the training of all teams at no cost to them and shall be put at their disposal for the duration of their stay and at all times. The Local Organising Committee shall provide sufficient security for this purpose. In the event that the training facilities are inadequate, alternative facilities will be used and any cost associated therewith will be paid by the Local Organising Committee.
- i. The field on which the matches themselves will be played must be put at the disposal of teams for one Familiarisation Session, one (1) or two (2) days prior to their matches or as designated by the Organising Committee subject to pitch and weather conditions. The schedule of the Familiarisation Sessions shall be determined by the Organising Committee. No training on the pitch shall be permitted at the match venues prior to the start of the competition.

## **Article 12: SECURITY MEASURES**

- i. The Host Association shall, through the Local Organising Committee, ensure that the Host Country's Police service and/or other security services guarantee the security of the teams as well as the various Match Officials designated to officiate the matches.
- ii. The Local Organising Committee shall ensure that the Police and/or security services prohibit any invasion of the field and any attacks against players or match officials. The Police and/or other security services shall also be made aware to the fact that they are also responsible for the security of television equipment and personnel and sponsors' advertising material. Failure to ensure adequate security will be dealt with by the COSAFA Organising Committee which is empowered to levy such fines and/or sanctions as it might deem appropriate.
- iii. The Host Association shall ensure that Public Liability insurance for a minimum of one million USD (\$1,000,000) is in place for the duration of the tournament. In addition, the Host Association and/or Local Organising Committee must ensure that the Owners of the Match stadia are in possession of current Public Liability insurance covering their liability to Third Parties in their capacity as Owners and/or Leaseholders of the said venues.
- iv. Proof of Public Liability insurance policies shall be provided to COSAFA by no later than one (1) month prior to the start of the tournament.

### **Article 13: DEPARTURE OF TEAMS AND OFFICIALS**

- i. The Local Organising Committee shall see the visiting Teams, Referees and members of the COSAFA Organising Committee off and shall facilitate immigration, customs and other formalities for their departure.

### **Article 14: THE MATCH**

- i. If the match is stopped before the end of regular time for reasons of force majeure as decided upon by the Referee, the following principals apply:
  - a) The match will resume at the minute at which it was interrupted, and with the same score;
  - b) The match is restarted with the same players on the field and with the same substitutes available when the match was interrupted;
  - c) No additional replacement will be added to the list of players summoned;
  - d) Teams are only allowed the number of substitutions that they were entitled to when the match was interrupted;
  - e) Players sent off during the match interrupted cannot be replaced;
  - f) Any sanctions imposed before the match was interrupted remains in force for the rest the match;
  - g) The time, date and kick-off location will be decided by the match commissioner.
  - h) The match can eventually be continued in another stadium in the same city

- ii. In the case of night matches, if the match is interrupted because of darkness following a power failure, or equipment or electrical fault, the Referee shall wait forty-five (45) minutes for the resumption of the floodlights, failing which he shall then signal the end of the game.

## **Article 15: REFEREE AND MATCH OFFICIALS**

- i. The Referees and assistant referees designated for *Total Energies* U-17 Africa Cup of nations| COSAFA Qualifiers must be on the current annual FIFA list of international referees and assistant referees.
- ii. If the designated referee is absent or becomes unfit before or during a match, he shall be replaced by the neutral reserve referee or the neutral reserve assistant referee.
- iii. If the reserve referee is from the host country, the referee shall be replaced by the first neutral assistant referee and the 2nd assistant referee will become the 1st assistant referee and the reserve referee from the host country will become 2nd assistant referee. In this particular case, an assistant referee from the host association registered on its list of International referees will be designated as a reserve referee for the match.
- iv. A Referees' Assessor designated by COSAFA will be present at each match. Upon receipt of the notification of appointment, he shall confirm acceptance of his appointment to COSAFA.
- v. A Match Commissioner designated by COSAFA must be present at each match.

- vi. Upon receipt of the notification of appointment, he shall confirm acceptance of his appointment to COSAFA.
- vii. The Match Commissioner is the Official Representative of COSAFA who attends the match. In this capacity, he is entitled to a place in the principal row of the Official Tribune.
- viii. All match officials shall be appointed by COSAFA.
- ix. The procedure for the designation of the Referees and Assistant Referees by COSAFA will be as follows:
  - a) The matches of the tournament will be officiated by a referee whose name is on the International Referees list of FIFA. He will be assisted by two International Assistant Referees whose names must be included on the FIFA list of International Assistant Referees.
- x. COSAFA shall inform the appointed match Referees and Assistant Referees of the relevant details, a minimum of one (1) month prior to the start of the tournament. It will organise the travel of the appointed match Referees and Assistant Referees, as well as their stay in the country. It shall also put at their disposal transport for their local transportation. This transport must be provided to the match officials from the day of their arrival until the day of their departure.
- xi. COSAFA will make sure that the e-tickets reach the officials of the match at least seven (7) days before the start of the tournament.
- xii. The match Referees and Assistant Referees shall be obliged to use the e-tickets provided by COSAFA. The match Referees and Assistant Referees shall not be allowed to purchase their own air tickets unless specifically requested by COSAFA to do so.

- xiii. If a presentation of the teams to the authorities is planned on the program, the Match Commissioner shall accompany the Guest of Honor. He shall present the Referee, Assistant Referees and the Captains of the two teams to the Guest of Honor.
- xiv. On the eve of the match or on the morning of the day of the match, the General Coordinator shall convene a meeting of the officials of both teams with the Match Commissioner and the Referees Assessor designated for each match. Each team shall be represented by the Head of Delegation, Team Manager, Equipment Manager, Team Doctor together with their Team Liaison Officer.
- xv. The Match Coordinating Meeting shall be a consultative meeting aimed at underlining and clarifying the main points of the Rules governing the tournament as well as Refereeing matters including the checking of playing kits. The Local Organising Committee shall ensure that interpreters are available to assist the visiting Teams and Referees, where necessary.
- xvi. Each team shall produce at the Match Coordination Meeting a duly completed Start List on the appropriate form indicating its squad and the jersey numbers allocated to each player. Once the declaration has been made, no changes will be permitted. Players shall play in the jersey number stipulated in the team schedule. A player will be ineligible to play unless his jersey number corresponds with the declaration.
- xvii. The General Coordinator shall accompany the 4th Official to the pre-match formalities in the Teams' dressing rooms.
- xviii. The responsibility of ascertaining the regularity of the field's dimensions and the regular strength of the floodlights for night

matches is that of the General Coordinator, in consultation with the Referee, in the case of the field dimensions. The Referee and the Assistant Referee are the only persons to control all procedures concerning the substitution of players during the matches.

- xix. The Match Commissioner may, if he deems it necessary for the security of the Referees or the visiting team, decide not to have the match played until his conditions and instructions are carried out. But, once the match is started, it is exclusively the decision of the Referee to suspend the match for any of the reasons stipulated in the Laws of the Game.
- xx. If any protest concerning one of the Articles of the Rules is submitted by one of the two teams to the Match Commissioner, he must try to reconcile conflicting points of view within the framework of the Rules of the tournament. If however, he does not succeed, he will register the protest in writing. In all cases, the match will be played in accordance with the provisions of the Rules according to the interpretation given by the Match Commissioner.
- xxi. The Match Commissioner will observe the match in all its aspects i.e. Performance of the Referees, behaviour of the public, incidents, etc. The match report will indicate amongst other things whether the match was televised live and if any protest was lodged by the teams. In the event that the Match Commissioner is absent, this duty will be incumbent upon the Referees' Assessor to perform. In the event that neither of these officials is available, the General Coordinator will perform this duty. Notwithstanding the role of the Match Commissioner, the Referees' Assessor is responsible for observing and marking the performance of the Referees.



## **Article 16: PROTESTS**

- i. Subject to the following provisions, protests are objections of any kind of occurrences that have a direct effect on matches organized in the Tournament.
- ii. Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, Protests shall first be submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner at the Stadium. The Protests shall be confirmed in writing by the Head of Delegation to the COSAFA Secretariat offices at the venue of the Tournament no later than two hours after the match in question, provided that such Protests are accompanied by a non-refundable Protest fee of Two Thousand USD (\$2,000).
- iii. If a Protest concerning one of the Articles of these Rules and Regulations is submitted by one of the two teams to the Match Commissioner, he must try to reconcile conflicting points of view within the framework of the Rules and Regulations of the Tournament. In all cases, the match shall be played in accordance with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations according to the interpretation given by the Match Commissioner.
- iv. No Protests may be made against the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.
- v. Protests that are not submitted in accordance with the requirements of these Regulations shall not be admitted.
- vi. If an unfounded or irresponsible Protest is lodged, the Disciplinary Committee may impose a Fine not exceeding Five Thousand USD (\$5,000).
- vii. Other Protests shall be communicated to COSAFA Secretariat at the venue of the Tournament within 24 hours after the match, in

writing, provided that a non-refundable Protest Fee Two Thousand USD (\$,2000) shall be made by the protesting Team before the Protest can be considered.

- viii. No Protest shall be considered after the winner of the *Total Energies* U-17 Africa Cup of nations| COSAFA Qualifiers has been proclaimed.

#### Article 17: SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS

- i. COSAFA is applying the exceptional rule of 5 substitutes adopted by FIFA. Only five (5) substitutes listed on a “Match Starting List” may take part in a match. The 5 substitutes may only be made on a maximum of 3 occasions during a match. Any Participating Player who has been substituted may take no further part in the match.
- ii. A maximum of 9 substitutes are permitted on the bench.

#### Article 18: QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- i. Each Association shall select its national representative team from players enjoying the citizenship of its country, regularly qualified to participate in its national championship, subject to its jurisdiction and qualified for selection in conformity with the provisions of the regulations governing the application of the FIFA Statutes.
- ii. **Upper age limit:** all players must be a maximum of 17 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the final competition is played (i.e. all players of the teams were **born on or after 1 January 2009**).  
**Lower age limit:** all players must be at least 15 years old by the end of the calendar year in which the final competition is played (i.e.

all players of the teams were **born on or before 31 December 2011**).

- iii. In accordance with CAF regulations Boys participating in the U17 Boys competition are subject to **MRI scans** in order to verify eligibility.
- iv. If after performing the eligibility test (MRI) for a participating team and four (4) or more of its players are found ineligible, the participating team will be **disqualified**.
- v. If after performing an MRI test for a participating team and one (1), two (2) or three (3) of its players are found ineligible, the said player(s) will not be allowed to participate in the competition. The concerned team will be allowed to participate in the competition but is not authorized to replace the ineligible player(s).
- vi. Each of the Participating Associations shall submit to the COSAFA Secretariat:
  - a) Their squad of 30 Players by no later than three (3) weeks prior to the start of the tournament
  - b) Their **FINAL list of 20 Players as well as the names of their Technical Team by no later than ten (10) days (1 September 2025) prior to the scheduled start of the tournament**
  - c) The Name and all relevant details required by the system, as well as a passport photograph of the Player and/or Official, **shall be registered in CMS by no later than 10 (ten) days (1 September 2025) prior to the scheduled start of the tournament**

- vii. Failure by the Participating Associations to comply with these requirements will result in sanctions being applied against the offending Association by COSAFA.
- viii. All players shall present to the General Coordinator at the Team Arrival Meeting, which will be convened before the start of the tournament, their passport issued by the competent authorities of the country they represent. The passport must be current and may not have expired. A player who does not present an unexpired passport will be disqualified from playing in the tournament.
- ix. No team shall be allowed to field any player if, before the start of the tournament, he does not present his unexpired valid passport for verification and/or the official accreditation issued by the COSAFA Organising Committee.
- x. A Referee who allows a player who does not present his official accreditation card to participate in the match shall be sanctioned. Every Member Association may, at its own discretion, modify the formation of its team between one match and another, even in the case of matches to be replayed, provided that only the players appearing on the team list and qualified under these regulations are used. Participating teams shall be obliged to furnish their Start Lists to the General Coordinator and COSAFA at least 90 (ninety) minutes before the time specified for kick-off of the match.
- xi. Each Participating Team is entitled to register a "Video Analyst" who shall be the only member of the team official

delegation entitled to record matches in the Competition. This recording shall be strictly for technical purposes and should not interfere with match operations or to be utilized by any broadcast Licensee.

- xii. Included in the 6 Officials registered on CAF CMS, must be one designated official (Male) as the teams Safeguarding Officer.

## **Article 19: DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

- i. A player who has received two cautions in the tournament shall be automatically suspended from playing the subsequent match of the tournament. This automatic suspension shall be communicated by COSAFA to the Association concerned.
- ii. A player expelled from the field by the Referee is automatically suspended from playing the subsequent match of the tournament, without prejudice to other sanctions that COSAFA might subsequently impose upon him.
- iii. If a Referee reports a player whose behaviour has caused the interruption and/or abandonment of a match, the said player shall be automatically suspended from playing in the same edition of the tournament, without prejudice to the sanctions which might be imposed upon him subsequently.
- iv. If a team fields an unqualified or suspended player, such team shall automatically lose the match by three goals to zero irrespective of the actual match result.

- v. Yellow cards fall away at the completion of the Group Phase with the exception of a second caution being given in the last match of the Group Phase which will attract a suspension for the next match. Red cards and suspensions carry over to the Knock-Out Phase. However, any suspension received by a Player during the Group Phase shall continue into the Knock-Out Phase.
- vi. A Player who is sent-off and shown a Red-Card twice during the Tournament shall automatically be suspended from the remaining matches of the Tournament his team is due to play, without prejudice to other sanctions the Organizing and Disciplinary Committees might impose upon him subsequently.
- vii. In case of serious violations, the guilty player might be suspended not only from *Total Energies* U-17 Africa Cup of Nations| COSAFA Qualifiers but also from all the competitions of CAF and COSAFA.
- viii. A team which allows a non-qualified or a suspended player to take part in a direct knockout match shall lose the match and shall be eliminated from the competition, even in the absence of protests.
- ix. If the Referee is forced to stop the match because of darkness before the end of the regular time, and if a delay of the kick-off time is the cause for it, the team that caused the delay of the kick-off time shall be declared loser and shall forfeit the match. The victory and the resultant three points shall be awarded to the opposing

team as well as the score of three-zero, or greater, depending on the score of the match at the time of abandonment.

- x. If, through “force majeure”, a match is abandoned and therefore, cannot be played in its entirety, the Organizing and Disciplinary Committees shall decide whether the match result at the time of abandonment is valid or whether the match shall be replayed, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account.
- xi. Any Member Association found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match. Victory and the resultant three points shall be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of three-zero, or greater, depending on the score of the match.
- xii. If a match is abandoned and the abandonment is the cause of a team, the defaulting team shall be declared loser and the score line that shall be recorded shall reflect that the team that is declared the winner has beaten the defaulting team by a score line of three-zero without prejudice to other sanctions the Organizing and Disciplinary Committees might subsequently impose upon the causer of the abandonment.

## **Article 20: APPEALS**

- i. An appeal can be addressed to the Appeals Committee against the decisions taken by the Organising Committee and by the disciplinary board but not against those stipulated as final.

- ii. The right of appeal is fixed at Three Thousand USD (\$3000) which will be refunded to the Association concerned if the appeal is upheld.
- iii. The appeal must reach COSAFA Secretariat by email within the three days following the dispatch by email of the decision of the Organising Committee or the disciplinary board
- iv. An appeal shall have no delaying effect except in financial matters and for fines.
- v. During the tournament of the *Total Energies* U-17 Africa Cup of nations | COSAFA Qualifiers all decisions taken by the Organising Committee and or by the disciplinary board, to the exception of those reporting the application of the disciplinary measures pronounced on the basis of the reports of match officials are final and without appeal.
- vi. Any decision that may be appealable can be by the plaintiff, their national association, the COSAFA Executive Committee or by its (their) representative (s) nominally designated by the Executive Committee to detain this faculty.
- vii. When the appeal comes from the Executive Committee, the defendant is informed as well as the deadline up to which he can send his observations.
- viii. In case of an appeal interjected by the plaintiff or his National Association (with the written agreement of the person concerned), the person (s) designated by the Executive Committee has (have) an additional deadline of three days in addition to the deadline of an ordinary appeal leading up to six days in the counter-appeal period.



- ix. When the appeal's body is called upon by the person concerned or their association, the disputed penalty may not be aggravated.

## **Article 21: FRAUD AND ARBITRATION**

- i. A team which will have committed a Fraud on the identity of a player or which will have fielded in a match a suspended or non-qualified player, shall lose the Match by three goals to zero (3:0) and shall be completely eliminated from the Tournament as soon as the incriminating facts are clearly established by the Disciplinary Committee even in the absence of a Protest lodged by its opponent.
- ii. If in three months following every match played within the frame of the Tournament, COSAFA is informed no matter what the source may be, that a fraud infringing the sporting morality was committed by one of the players, teams, match officials and/or any member of either the Local Organizing Committee or Organizing and disciplinary Committees, an inquiry shall be conducted immediately. In case the assertion is proved, COSAFA shall make a decision against the guilty part Member Associations are forbidden from taking disputes to a civil court. They may only submit such a dispute to the appropriate COSAFA body and follow the required procedures.

## **Article 22: DOPING**

- i. Doping, being the use of substances, which could have the effect of artificially improving the player's physical and/or mental condition thereby augmenting artificially his athletic performance shall be strictly forbidden during the tournament.

- ii. The use of doping substances shall be severely punished and COSAFA has the right to carry out Anti-Doping controls at any time.
- iii. Sanctions for contravention of doping regulations shall be in accordance with FIFA regulations.
- iv. The Organising Committee has the right to carry out anti-doping control of the players at any time during the matches of *Total Energies* U-17 Africa Cup of Nations| COSAFA Qualifiers. The Organising Committee is in charge of deciding which authorised laboratory shall proceed to the analysis of samples.
- v. The regulations of doping control for FIFA and non-FIFA competitions, the disciplinary code of COSAFA and other related FIFA directives are applied to the matches of COSAFA.

## **Article 23: COLOURS**

### **OF SHORTS, SHIRTS AND NUMBERING**

- i. Each team shall wear the colours of its country. When, in the opinion of the Referee, the colours of the two opposing teams might lead to confusion, Team B shall change whatever part of apparel conflicts with the apparel of Team A.
- ii. In addition to the official kit, each team shall have a reserve outfit (reserve colours) which shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the official kit (shirts, shorts and socks). The reserve outfit shall be taken to every match.

- iii. If, in the opinion of the Referee or the Match Commissioner, the colours worn by two opposing teams might cause confusion or prove unsuitable for television broadcasts, they shall be modified, using either the entire reserve outfit or a combination of both.
- iv. If thermal shorts are used, they shall be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts.
- v. If tape or similar material is applied externally to the stockings (socks) then the tape must be the same colour as that part of the stocking to which it is being applied.
- vi. Each player shall wear a number. Numbers must be solid colours (profile stitching is not permissible). The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the outfits (light on dark or vice versa) and shall be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers. Numbers shall be between 25cm and 35cm in height in the centre of the back of the shirt, between 10cm and 15cm in height on the front of the shirt in any position at chest level and between 10cm and 15cm in height in any position on the front of either leg of the shorts. None of the numbers may contain advertising features or other elements.
- vii. The National Association's emblem may be worn as a badge on the shirt, shorts and each sock but may not exceed 100cm squared on the shirt, 50cm squared on the shorts and 25cm squared on each sock and may not feature any advertising or other commercial elements.
- viii. With the exception of the manufacturer's trademark, no kind of advertising for any sponsors or slogans of a political, religious or racist nature or any other slogans are permitted on any garments or

equipment of outfield players and goalkeepers (shirts, vests, shorts, thermal shorts, socks, gloves, caps etc) within the area of the entire pitch.

- ix. The authorised trademark of the manufacturer may be used once as a graphic logo or name, or graphic logo and name combined, and shall not exceed the following measurements:

Shirts	20cm <sup>2</sup>	(on	the	chest)
Shorts	12cm <sup>2</sup>	(on	either	leg)
Socks	12cm <sup>2</sup> (between Ankle and edge of sock)			

Thermal shorts	12cm <sup>2</sup>
Goalkeeper Gloves	12cm <sup>2</sup>
Wristbands	12cm <sup>2</sup>
Tracksuits	20cm <sup>2</sup> (Jacket);

- x. The emblem or name (or abbreviation) of the national Association may also be displayed on the shirt and/or shorts in jacquard weave provided that the colour is similar to that of the shirt or shorts into which it is woven and that it does not prevent the kit from being easily distinguished from the opposing team's kit. It shall not be compulsory for the emblem or name (or abbreviation) on the shirt to appear in jacquard weave but it may also be printed or affixed in a similar manner provided that it does not predominate and prevent the kit from being easily distinguished from the opposing team's kit.
- xi. The emblem of the national flag may also be worn on the shirt, shorts and on each sock and shall not feature any advertising, design or other elements and not exceed the following measurements:

- Shirt                    12cm<sup>2</sup> (each, if positioned once on the left and/or once on the right sleeve, or 25cm<sup>2</sup>, if positioned once on the back above the number and/or once on the front at chest height.)
- Shorts                    25cm<sup>2</sup> on the left or right
- Socks                    25cm<sup>2</sup> be positioned at will
- xii. A minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled start of the tournament, each Participating Association shall submit to COSAFA the Official colours and the Reserve colours of its equipment. The numbers from #1 to #20 on the shirts and shorts as well as the players' names on the shirts shall comply with the above Equipment Regulations. The number 1 will be reserved exclusively for one of the Goalkeepers. The selected numbers on the shirts must correspond to those indicated in the Final List of players submitted to COSAFA.

#### **Article 24: NATIONAL ANTHEMS AND FLAGS**

- i. Every team must carry with it a USB of its National Anthem and the flag of its country. COSAFA shall ensure that the protocol of flags is complied with in that, flags of COSAFA, CAF, FIFA and both teams are displayed.
- ii. CAF national anthem must be played during the teams' entrance. The national anthems of the two associations playing on a particular day will be played after that during the alignment of the teams.
- iii. The Host Association will supply twelve (20) volunteers to act as flag bearers for each match.

## **Article 25: MATCH BALLS AND BALL BOYS / GIRLS**

- i. COSAFA shall supply for use during every match not less than twelve (12) FIFA Approved match balls. The Host Association will supply twelve (12) volunteers to act as ball retrievers during each match.

## **Article 26: EXPENSES**

- i. The following expenses, reasonably incurred by the participants of the tournament, shall be paid to them by COSAFA:
  - a) Referees will receive a Per Diem for the duration of the tournament to cover all minor costs associated with their travel, including the cost of any visa required.
  - b) Accommodation will be provided for the Teams including 3 meals p/day (two non-alcoholic beverages included per meal) for 26 people for the period that they are involved in the Tournament in a configuration of shared accommodation for players and single accommodation for officials,
  - c) Accommodation including 3 meals p/day in single rooms will be provided for Referees Assessors whereas sharing rooms with 2 beds will be provided for Referees and Assistant Referees. All Members of the COSAFA Organising Committee will be provided with single rooms on a bed & breakfast basis for the duration of their involvement in the Tournament.
  - d) Should teams arrive or depart outside of the dates outlined by COSAFA Secretariat, they will be responsible for their own expenses.

- e) Air travel to/from the Match Venue (where possible) in the Host Country, including external departure taxes, will be the responsibility of the participating teams.

## **Article 27: INCOME**

- i. All income derived from gate revenue shall belong to the Host Association subject to a quantity of VIP/VVIP invitations and Grandstand and Open Stand tickets being made available to COSAFA to fulfill their contractual obligations to the tournament Sponsors. COSAFA will advise the Host Association in good time of the specification and number of invitations and tickets required.
- ii. The Host Association will be responsible for the printing, sale and distribution of tickets as well as for implementing an appropriate marketing campaign in order to maximize attendance at matches.

## **Article 28: ADVERTISING, SIGNAGE AND APPAREL**

- i. The Host Association shall provide COSAFA a clean stadium for COSAFA's exclusive use. Consequently, the Host Association must make it a condition of rental of the stadium that no other advertising appears. No other advertising will be permitted either on the field perimeter or anywhere within the view of television cameras or the main grandstand. COSAFA shall have the right to cover any existing signage in the stadium chosen as a match venue. No compensation will be paid by COSAFA to the Host Association or Host Country for ensuring that a clean stadium is delivered. Ambush marketing shall be strictly prohibited. The Host

Association will ensure that no ambush marketing efforts are undertaken within the stadium perimeter.

- ii. The Government of the Host Country and the Host Association shall give approval to and ensure that any and all Official Sponsors of the *Total Energies* U-17 Africa Cup of Nations| COSAFA Qualifier are permitted to exercise the full advertising rights to which they are entitled in terms of agreements signed between COSAFA and the said sponsors, whether on television, print, radio and/or through billboards and/or within the stadium precincts.
- iii. The participating teams shall wear any or all apparel supplied by COSAFA and/or its sponsors which may include training bibs. Players undertake specifically to warm-up before the start of the match wearing either the T-shirts or training bibs which may be provided by COSAFA.
- iv. In accordance with the FIFA statutes, no sponsor advertising is to appear on the teams' playing kit.

## **Article 29: TELEVISION AND RADIO RIGHTS**

- i. The rights to television and radio broadcast belong to COSAFA.
- ii. COSAFA shall have the right in its absolute discretion to prohibit any broadcaster (radio and/or television) from entry to the stadium and the Host Association shall ensure that a request in this respect is complied with.
- iii. The Host and/or National Broadcaster of the Host country further undertakes, in accordance with the agreement entered into between the Host Association and COSAFA, to deliver LIVE television production and broadcast and radio coverage of all



matches during the Tournament including the international signal by means of DSNG, to COSAFA and/or its broadcast partners. The television production shall be consistent with prescribed specifications.

- iv. The Host Country shall be responsible for providing adequate security for television equipment and personnel, as well as sponsor's advertising material. In this regard adequate security will be provided by the Host Country at all times while television equipment and sponsor's advertising material is at the stadium. The Host Country will be responsible for the cost occasioned by any damage to any equipment and/or advertising material as a result of poor crowd control.
- v. The Member Associations are required to ensure compliance with the contractual obligations of COSAFA in relation to Commercial Rights as notified to them by COSAFA (including as published in the COSAFA Media and Marketing Regulations issued by COSAFA).
- vi. In case of noncompliance to COSAFA commitments by the Member Association or in case of fraudulent disruption or hacking of the TV signal by a television that is resident in the same territory of the national association, the concerned team shall be excluded from the competition and will be suspended for the next edition, notwithstanding any other sanction that may be imposed to the Association to which the team belongs.
- vii. All Commercial Rights and opportunities of whatsoever nature in respect of *Total Energies* U-17 Africa cup of Nations| COSAFA Qualifier 2024, including but not limited to the television,

broadcasting and digital media rights, the revenues from advertising, the merchandising rights and the exploitation of COSAFA symbols, belong exclusively to COSAFA on a worldwide basis.

- viii. All the rights contemplated in this article including the television and broadcasting on the one hand and the revenues from advertising inside and outside the stadium as well as the exploitation of COSAFA symbols on the other hand, shall be subject to separate contracts and freely negotiated between COSAFA and specialized agencies.

## **Article 30: TICKETING**

- i. **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**
- ii. Tickets shall include seat numbering and serial numbering, and only include COSAFA Marks, Competition Marks and/or marks of official licensee approved by COSAFA.
- iii. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**
- iv. Each Organizing Association shall be responsible for the design, production, distribution, and sales of all tickets. Such matters are subject to the approval of COSAFA. All costs of printing tickets shall be borne by each Organizing Association.

COSAFA shall, in collaboration with the Organizing Association issue special Ticketing terms and conditions, which are applicable to all ticket holders.

v. **COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS**

- a) Each Organizing Association shall provide complimentary tickets to COSAFA for each match in the Competition as instructed and approved by COSAFA.
- b) Each Organizing Association shall provide the complimentary tickets to each Participating Team in the Competition as approved by COSAFA.

**Article 31: PUBLICITY**

- i. The participating teams shall make themselves available for interviews and photo shoots to promote the competition.
- ii. The Captain, Coach and/or any Player from each team will make themselves available for flash interviews at half-time and within 20 minutes after the match at a Press Conference.
- iii. The Start Lists will be made available to the General Coordinator not later than ninety minutes prior to the time stipulated for the kick-off of the match and/or at the Match Coordination Meeting.
- iv. COSAFA and its commercial partners shall be entitled to use any of the above-mentioned images to publicize the *Total Energies U-17 Africa Cup of Nations*| COSAFA Qualifier 2024 and their sponsorship of the tournament.
- v. It shall be the responsibility of each participating Association to ensure that all players and/or officials taking part in this tournament agree that participation signifies acceptance of all the rules and regulations under which the tournament is governed, particularly

that such participation signifies consent by the players and officials for the sponsor to use their images as aforementioned.

- vi. The COSAFA Official Photographer shall be permitted access to all training sessions. No training sessions will be closed to the Official Broadcaster and Photographer.
- vii. Non-compliance with this rule will be dealt with by the Organising Committee, which shall be empowered to levy such fines as it deems appropriate.

### **Article 32: PRE- OR POST MATCH FUNCTION**

- i. Where there is an official function, the participants Teams (officials and players) shall attend such function, timeously and suitably attired as requested by the Organizing Committee of the Tournament.
- ii. Any opening ceremony shall not affect any pre-match operations, including without limitation participating teams' warm-up and pre-match ceremony.
- iii. The field of play shall be strictly protected from damage caused by any activity related to the opening ceremony.
- iv. The Local Organizing Committee shall submit a comprehensive event plan outlining the number of workers, a flow plan, the run-down and other related information for COSAFA review and approval.

### **Article 33: ENGAGEMENTS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE *Total Energies* U-17 Africa cup of Nations| COSAFA Qualifiers**

- v. The Member Associations organizing the Tournament shall give a written engagement of its government assuring:
  - a) That the COSAFA Delegation and the affiliated associations shall obtain the necessary entry and sojourn visas for the whole duration of the event.
  - b) That the Statutes and Regulations of COSAFA shall be strictly observed.
  - c) That the engagements officially taken by the concerned Member Association shall be considered as accepted by its Government.

#### **Article 34: ENGAGEMENT OF THE PARTICIPATING ASSOCIATIONS**

- i. The Member Associations taking part in the *Total Energies* U-17 Africa cup of Nations| COSAFA Qualifiers undertake formally to fully observe the Regulations of the competition, the marketing and media regulations, the decisions of the Organising and Disciplinary Committees, the Referees Committee, the Appeal Committee and the Executive Committee of COSAFA and to comply with them unreservedly.
- ii. Each participating member association is responsible:
  - a) For the behaviour of the members of its delegation (officials and players) throughout the whole duration of the tournament;
  - b) For the obligatory health insurance, accidents and voyage for all the members of the delegation;

- c) For the payment of all additional expenses caused by the members of its delegation during the sojourn at the tournament;
- d) For the constitution in good time of the necessary visa requests near the diplomatic missions of the organizing country;
- e) For ensuring compliance by its Coach and/or Player/s to attend the press conferences as well as any other official media activity organized by COSAFA;
- f) For accepting the provisions taken by the host association of the final competition, by mutual agreement with COSAFA.

#### **Article 35: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISING ASSOCIATION**

- i. COSAFA and the Organizing Association stipulate the obligations and responsibilities of the host association relative to the tournament in the Organising Association Agreement (O.A.A.), which should be signed. The latter is responsible:
  - a) For maintaining law, order and security, in particular on the way to the stadiums, in the stadiums, and their accesses, as well as the good development of the matches;
  - b) For maintaining the law, order and security in the neighbourhoods of the hotels and training fields of participating teams;
  - c) For the subscription, in agreement with COSAFA, of an insurance policy covering the whole of the risks

relative to the organization and the running of the tournament, particularly the adequate civil responsibility insurance of the stadia and the spectators, the local organization, its members and those of the local organizing committee, the employees, the volunteers or any other person participating in the organization of the tournament.

- d) For granting the finalist teams, free tickets of access to the stadium in accordance to the quotas fixed by the organizing Committee.
- ii. The host associations discharge COSAFA of any responsibility and renounce any complaint against the latter and the members of its delegation for any damage resulting from any act or omission in relation to the organization and the running of the *Total Energies U-17 Africa cup of Nations*| COSAFA Qualifiers. The host association will be responsible to make available a number of adequate places and necessary installations for the local and foreign press representatives (press, radio, television and internet). The conditions that are to be fulfilled by the host association concerning the installations for the media and the technical equipment are specified in the terms of reference.
- iii. The host association shall be responsible for ensuring that the journalists, the photographers, the TV and radio commentators and the members of their accredited teams do not enter the pitch at any time before, during or after the match. Only a limited number of photographers and television personnel in charge of ensuring the technical side of the transmission, and all of them having a special

accreditation for the event, could be admitted in the zone situated between the limits of the field and the spectators.

- iv. The host country of the *Total Energies* U-17 Africa Cup of Nations| COSAFA Qualifiers is required to prevent all Competitions at the national level from taking place during the tournament, failure to do so could lead to COSAFA sanctions.
- v. All matters relating to Safety and Security shall be in compliance with FIFA and/or CAF Stadium Regulations and Safety and Security Regulations.
- vi. Each Organizing Association shall in conjunction with the relevant government authorities and/or stadium owners, devise, plan, and implement adequate security and safety measures for the Competition at all Controlled Access Areas within the match venue and other relevant locations to protect all relevant persons, including without limitation the COSAFA delegation, Team Official delegation, COSAFA Commercial Rights Partners, Official Licensees, media, and spectators, and all goods brought in by COSAFA, Team Official delegation, COSAFA Commercial Rights Partners and Official Licensees.
- vii. Each Organising Association shall issue a detailed security plan in the form of a binding agreement with, without limitation, the management of all stadia, official training site(s), and the accommodation of COSAFA delegation and Team Official delegations. This Security Plan shall be based upon principles set out in the FIFA and/or CAF Stadium Regulations as well as Safety and Security Regulations.



### **Article 36: COPYRIGHT**

The fixtures of the competition, the matches organised by the Organising Committee and all the data related to them are subject to a Copyright reserved for COSAFA.

### **Article 37: LANGUAGE**

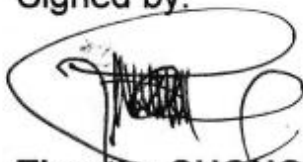
In case of disagreement related to the interpretations of translations, the English text shall be deemed authentic.

### **Article 38: MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR**

Matters not provided for under these regulations shall be decided upon by the Organising Committee and/or reference shall be made to the relevant COSAFA, CAF and/or FIFA Regulations.

These Regulations have been agreed to by COSAFA Executive Committee and COSAFA Competitions Committee and are attested to by the undersigned signatories:

Signed by:



**Timothy SHONGWE**  
**Chairman**  
**Organising Committee Competitions**



**Sue Destombes**  
**Executive Director**  
Dated: 25 July 2025