

# Regulations of the African Nations Championship

## TITLE I

### Chapter 1

#### Organisation of the African Nations Championship

##### Article 1

1.1. The African Football Confederation - CAF- shall organise every other year an competition called **the African Nations Championship**.

1.2. CAF reserves the right to add the name of a sponsor partner to the denomination.

##### Article 2

The African Nations Championship is open to the national representative teams of the associations affiliated to CAF, composed exclusively of national players playing in the national championship, each Association being entitled to enter one team.

##### Article 3

The African Nations Championship shall consist of two phases:

3.1.A preliminary tournament.

3.2.A final tournament.

## Chapter 2

### Organising Committee

#### Article 4

The Organising Committee of the African Nations Championship is entrusted with the implementation of the rules governing the competition and the organisation of the competition in all its rounds:

#### **4.1. The preliminary Tournament;**

4.1.1. carrying out the drawing of lots,

4.1.2. elaborating the fixtures of the competition that comprise:

- The number of the match,
- The names of the participating countries,
- The venue of the match,
- The name of the country that delegates the referees or the names of the designated referees,
- The name of the match commissioner,
- The week-end (Friday - Saturday - Sunday) fixed for each match.

4.1.3. Taking decisions regarding the financial conditions if the concerned Associations fail to come to an agreement in conformity with the present rules.

#### **4.2. Preliminary and final Tournament:**

4.2.1. Ensuring that all sanctions stipulated for in the present regulations, in CAF statutes and CAF disciplinary code are applied.

4.2.2. Replacing, in conformity with the present rules of the competition the associations declaring their withdrawals.

4.2.3. Taking decisions on all complaints. The decisions of the committee shall be based on the written reports of the referee, the neutral assistant referees, and/or the match commissioner.

4.2.4. Taking decisions in cases of force majeure.

4.2.5. Designating commissioners.

4.2.6. Validating the results of the matches

#### **4.3. Final tournament:**

4.3.1. Ensuring, in collaboration with the organising association, all the preparatory work of the final tournament.

4.3.2. Carrying out the drawing of lots.

4.3.3. Fixing, after having learnt the views of the organising association, the

dates, the time of kick-off, and the venue of the matches.

4.3.4. Taking all the necessary decisions for the good progress of the competition in conformity with the dispositions of the present regulations.

4.3.5. In case of emergency, the organising committee may take decisions by correspondence.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Trophy and Medals**

#### **Article 5**

5.1. A trophy, belonging to CAF, shall be given to the winner of each edition.

5.2. The trophy shall be returned to the General Secretariat of CAF two months before the opening date of the following final tournament.

5.3. A replica of this trophy shall be given to the Association that wins the trophy three times.

5.4. A replica of this trophy shall be given to the winner of each edition.

5.5. The winner association is committed to take in charge all the appropriate measures to ensure the security of the trophy and the replica of the trophy during all the time they are in its possession.

#### **Article 6**

CAF shall offer thirty (30) gold medals to the winner and thirty (30) silver medals to the finalist.

#### **Article 7**

CAF shall offer thirty (30) bronze medals to the teams classified third and fourth in the final phase.

A medal shall be given to each official who will conduct the matches for the third place and the final.

## Chapter 4

### Fair-play

#### Article 8

A fair-play trophy shall reward the team which will have shown the best sporting spirit and fair-play during the Final Tournament of the African Nations Championship. (regulations in annex).

## Chapter 5

### Other Prizes and Rewards

#### Article 9

Granting other trophies, prizes and rewards requires the agreement of CAF Executive Committee. Any person, physical or moral, who wishes to present a prize or an award to one or several players and /or teams, on the occasion of the African Nations Championship, must formulate a request to CAF General Secretariat, at least three months before the start of the competition.

## Chapter 6

### Entrees

#### Article 10

A national association wishing to participate in the African Nations Championship must formulate a request to CAF General Secretariat before the month of **October** of the year preceding the competition..

10.1. The request for participation must be accompanied by the participation fees of five hundred (500) US dollars and of the specific form of the African Nations Championship provided by CAF.

10.2. The association organising the final tournament is automatically admitted.

10.3. Only national players licensed to participate in the national championship of their country are authorised to participate in the African Nations Championship.

## TITLE II

### Chapter 7

#### The Preliminary Tournament

##### Article 11

The organisation, the fixtures and the order of the matches of the preliminary tournament and the number of qualified teams for the next phase shall be determined by the organising Committee taking into consideration, as much as possible, the sporting, economic and geographical conditions as well as the number of countries engaged in the competition.

##### Article 12 :

12.1 The matches played in the knock-out system are played home and away. The team which shall have scored a higher aggregate number of goals in the two matches shall be qualified for the next round.

12.2. If after the end of the regular time of the second match, the two teams have scored the same number of goals during the two matches, the team which will have scored the greatest number of away goals will be qualified for the next round of the competition.

12.3. In case the number of away goals is also the same or if the results of the two matches are nil, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark carried out by each team in conformity with the recommendations of the International Board. The team which would score the greatest number of penalty kicks shall be qualified for the next round of the competition.

##### Article 13 :

The matches are played in group(s) championship in the zones of CAF in conformity with the fixtures established by the organising committee.

Only national players licensed to participate in the National Championship are authorized to participate at the Africa Nations Championship.

13.1 The classification of the Group shall be established as follows

- 3 points for a win match
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 point for a lost match.

13.2. In case of equality points between two teams or more, after all the group matches have been played, the ranking of the teams shall be established according to the following criteria:

- a. Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the concerned teams;
- b. goal difference resulting from the group matches between the concerned teams;
- c. greater number of goals scored in all the group matches between the concerned teams;
- d. goal difference in all group matches
- e. greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;
- f. the system of points of the fair-play competition taking into account the number of yellow cards and red cards;
- g. drawing of lots by CAF organising Committee.

## Chapter 8

### Organisation of matches

#### Article 14

14.1. The matches are played strictly in the order established by the organising committee. The fixed dates are final and cannot be changed except in cases of force majeure recognised as so by the organising committee.

14.2. The host association is entitled to play its home match in the capital of the country or any other city. In the latter case, the transport expenses of the visiting team from the capital to the city designated for the playing of the match and back, shall be borne by the host association.

14.3. If the distance between the capital city and the venue of the match is superior to 200 Km, the host association shall provide the visitors with an airplane transport to the venue of the match and back. If this is not possible and excepting the agreement of both teams, the match shall be played in the capital city.

14.4. By agreement between the two associations concerned, the two matches (home and away) may be played in the same country.

14.5. The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight.

14.6. The matches must be played on natural turf or on artificial turf. When artificial pitches are used in the competition matches between teams representing associations

members of FIFA or in the international competitions matches of clubs, the pitches must correspond to the concept of quality requirements of FIFA for the artificial turf or the International Artificial Turf Standard except in case of a special exception granted by FIFA.

14.7. In case of using artificial turf, the visiting team shall have the right to two training sessions on the playing ground, one of which at least shall take place at the time fixed for kick-off. If watering is technically indispensable, it must be made eight (8) hours at least before kick-off. The match referee and commissioner must see to it that these instructions are observed.

14.8. The playing ground with natural turf on which the match is to be played shall be put at the disposal of the visiting team for a minimum of one training session and this at the time fixed for kick-off at the eve of the game or two days before the game.

14.9. The host team shall put a training field at the disposal of the visiting team during all its sojourn and at its convenience.

14.10. The matches shall be played in accordance with the laws decided by the International Football Association Board and promulgated by FIFA.

14.11. The venue, the day and the kick off time of the match (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) will be determined by the host association. The latter shall inform the General Secretariat of CAF as well as the opposing team one month before the date of the first group match. Each infraction to these obligations shall entail a fine of five hundred (500) US dollars.

14.12. If fifteen days before the dates retained by CAF, the host federation does not fix the venue and the day of the match, the Organising committee will decide the venue and the day of the match in its place.

14.13. The national association to which the visiting team belongs must inform the organising association of the date of arrival of its team in the capital city of the host country. This information must reach the organisers one week before the date of the match at the latest. In the event that the visiting team is arriving by road the information must reach the organisers 20 days in advance. Defaulting associations shall pay a fine of five hundred (500) US dollars.

14.14. When the stadium of the capital is suspended or unavailable and the national association is compelled to play its match in the stadium of another city, the following conditions should be respected:

14.15. Satisfactory local transportation means should be put at the disposal of the visiting team, the referees and the commissioner, either by road or by air if the distance is superior to 200 Km. The travel should be made on the eve of the match at the latest and at a reasonable hour of the day, except if visiting teams arrive late.

14.16. In case of coincidence of the dates fixed by CAF with regional, sub-regional and national competitions, priority shall be given to the competitions of CAF.

14.17. Commissioners and referees should see to it that these instructions are carried out by the organising country.

14.18. The matches cannot start before 14 hours and not after 22 hours.

14.19. 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 of the host association will be considered loser and will be eliminated from the competition.

14.20. If the match is interrupted before the end of the regular time because of darkness and if the visiting team is the cause for it except in cases of force majeure, the latter shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated from the competition.

14.21. If the referee is forced to stop the match because of invasion of the field 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 existing in CAF Statutes and regulations.

14.22. If the match is stopped before the end of the regular time for reasons of force majeure and notably for poor ground conditions and / or bad weather conditions to be decided upon by the referee, the match is to be replayed 24 hours later at the same venue and with the same referees. All disciplinary measures (cautions or expulsions) pronounced during a match stopped will be applied in conformity with CAF disciplinary code.

14.23. If a team refuses to take part in the rescheduled game, it will be sanctioned in conformity to the present rules and the disciplinary code.

14.24. The additional sojourn expenses of the visiting team and the match officials shall be borne by the host association.

14.25. For nocturnal matches, if the match is interrupted because of darkness following a failure of electricity, the referee shall not stop definitively the match until he has awaited for forty-five (45) minutes and then signal the end of the game. The failure of electricity cannot be considered as a case of force majeure unless at the moment of the failure it is a second leg match of the competition played according to the knock-out system and the score of both legs is not in favour of the visiting team. In this case, the match is to be replayed twenty-four (24) hours later. If the score of both legs is in favour of the visiting team, the host team will be declared loser.

## **Chapter 9**

### **Footballs**

#### **Article 15**

At each match, the host association must provide at least ten (10) footballs conform

to the regulations approved by FIFA that shall be put at the disposal of the referees of the match. They must have one of the following references: the official logo “FIFA APPROVED”, the official logo “FIFA INSPECTED” or the reference “INTERNATIONAL BOARD STANDARD”.

If a game is stopped because of absence of footballs, the referee shall wait for fifteen minutes. After this deadline the match will be stopped. The host team shall lose the match by penalty (3-0) unless the score in favour of the visiting team is superior.

For the matches on neutral ground, each team must provide at least seven (07) footballs that shall be put at the disposal of the referees. The team which will not provide any ball shall be sanctioned.

## **Chapter 10**

### **Referees’ Inspector**

#### **Article 16**

CAF can appoint a referees’ inspector for the control of a match refereeing. The inspector is a match official and must be received and treated as so. He must sojourn with the appointed referees and attend the game from the official tribune where a seat in the front row must be reserved for him.

## **Chapter 11**

### **Security officer**

#### **Article 17**

He is a match official appointed by CAF to supervise security in the stadiums under the authority of the match commissioner. The national associations must grant him help and assistance and invite the responsible people of the stadiums and of the security to collaborate with him.

## **Chapter 12**

### **The Coordinator**

#### **Article 18**

The Coordinator appointed by CAF, shall assist the match commissioner for the good

organisation and the smooth running of the match.

He is especially in charge of:

- attending to the respect of the reception and sojourn rules of the official teams,
- attending to the respect of CAF's commitments in the matter of marketing, advertisement and audio-visual broadcastings,
- attending to the respect of the fixed schedules and the protocol of the match.

## **Chapter 13**

### **Countries in State of War**

#### **Article 19**

The case of countries in a state of war or victims of a civil war, and in which the internal situation does not allow the organisation of CAF matches shall be dealt with as follows :

19.1. The opponent which will play host shall be responsible of the organisation of the match. It shall take the necessary measures for the organisation of the match (invitation of the match referees and commissioner).

19.2. If the team of the country in a state of war or victim of a civil war shows up, only one match shall be played on the field of the opponent team. In case of a draw match at the end of the regular time, the winner shall be immediately determined by taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

19.3. If the visiting team does not show up, the match officials will register the forfeit and the team which has not shown up for the game shall be eliminated from the competition.

19.4 If the first leg match is to be played in the country at war, and consequently the opponents and the match referees and commissioner cannot reach the venue of the match, then the match will be played in 1 leg only on the opponent's ground.

## Chapter 14

### Match on neutral ground

#### Article 20

The preliminary matches of the African Nations Championship may take place on neutral ground after agreement of the two concerned national associations or in case of force majeure, this decision by the organisation committee is final and without appeal.

#### Article 21

In case an agreement is reached or a decision is taken for a match to be played on neutral ground, only one match shall be played with, if necessary, kicks from the penalty marks to determine the winner.

## Chapter 15

### Sojourn Facilities for Teams and Officials

#### Article 22

The host association that does not provide all the facilities mentioned in the present regulations to the visiting team, the commissioner, the referee and his assistants as well as all other match officials, must reimburse all the expenses made by the visiting team, the commissioner, the referee and his assistants, without prejudice to subsequent sanctions that the organising committee could impose upon it.

#### Article 23

The visiting association shall assume the travel expenses of its delegation. The host Association shall assume the local transportation of the visiting team, as well as its accommodation and catering expenses in conformity with the above article 14 three days before the match and two days after, at most. In this case, the host Association will keep the gate receipts of the match alone.

## Article 24

### Reception Condition

The following minimum conditions should be strictly respected:

**24.1. Reception at the airport :** A committee formed of officials of the host association must meet the visiting delegation at the airport and must provide all possible facilities of formalities. One official of the host association, who preferably speaks the language of the visiting delegation, will be at the disposal of the visiting delegation and will act as liaison officer between the two associations.

**24.2. Transport Facilities:** One bus for the players and one car for the officials will be put at the disposal of the visiting team from the time of their arrival to that of their departure. Any additional vehicles are subject to an early agreement between the two associations.

**24.3. Accommodation:** Accommodation will be provided in good standard hotels for the visiting delegation, one air-conditioned room with two beds and a bath for every two players and one single air-conditioned room with bath for each official except in countries where air conditioners are not used. Officials and players of the visiting delegation are to be accommodated at the same hotel. The host association shall be responsible for rooms and regular meals (sportsmen diet). No host association is obliged to host more than 25 persons.

**24.4. In case a visiting team delegation refuses to stay in the hotel reserved** by the host country and changes the hotel on its own initiative while the match commissioner declares that the hotel reserved by the hosts meets all the conditions required by CAF, this delegation will have to pay the full board accommodation expenses of its delegation in the new hotel.

**24.5. Security Measures:** The police service of the host country must ensure the security of all the visiting delegation members as well as the referees, the commissioner and the officials of CAF designated to officiate the match. It must prohibit any invasion of the field and any attack against the players or the officials, inside and outside the stadium.

**24.6. Seeing the visiting team off:** Officials of the host association will see the visiting team off and will facilitate all formalities for the departure.

## Article 25

### **Accommodation of the match officials:**

The referees and the match commissioner and eventually the referees' inspector and the security official must be accommodated (room and three meals) at a high standard hotel other than the one reserved for the two competing teams.

## Chapter 16

## **Match sheets and receipts**

### **Article 26**

Each national association organising a match shall make sure that the following reports reach CAF Secretariat within the following deadlines::

- a)- The yellow sheet, fifteen (15) days at the latest after the match.
- b)- The orange receipt form, thirty (30) days at the latest after the match.
- c)- The original copy to FIFA and duplicate copy to CAF.
- d)- Every single day exceeding the date limit entails the payment to CAF of a fine of twenty US dollars (20) per day, by the defaulting association. Delays exceeding ninety (90) days after the fixed deadline shall entail the suspension of the defaulting association from all CAF activities. This suspension will be automatically lifted as soon as the missing yellow or orange reports reach the Secretariat and the fines provided for preceding paragraph are paid to CAF.

### **Article 27**

Any conflicts on financial matters or reception conditions shall be submitted to CAF organising committee whose decision shall be binding and final.

## **Chapter 17**

### **The Match Commissioner**

#### **Article 28**

28.1. The Organising committee designates a match commissioner for each match. He is the official representative of CAF and attends the match obligatorily. In this capacity, he is entitled to a place in the first row of the tribune.

28.2. Upon the receipt of the notification of his designation, the match commissioner shall confirm acceptance of his appointment to CAF. In case of impediment, he must inform CAF by fax or email in time to allow the secretariat to provide a replacement. In case of force majeure at the very last minute, he must send his apologies to the Secretariat of CAF and the organising association by fax or email. The designated commissioner cannot be replaced except by decision of CAF.

28.3. If a presentation of the teams to the authorities is planned, the match commissioner must accompany the guest of honour and shall present the referees and the captains of the two teams to the guest of honour.

28.4. On the eve of the match or in the morning of the day of the match, the commissioner must convene a technical meeting of the officials of both teams with the referees designated for the match. This will be a consultative meeting aimed at underlining and clarifying the main points of the rules governing the competition. He will ensure the fulfilment of all conditions necessary for the regularity of the match and especially what concerns the control service, the sojourn of the referees and the visiting team, the proper qualification of the referees on the FIFA list, the control of the players' passports. No minutes will be taken of this consultative meeting. Any eventual protest will be noted by the commissioner in his report

28.5. In the absence of the match commissioner, the central referee designated to officiate the match, will preside the technical meeting stipulated for in the above para (28.4).

28.6. The match commissioner will attend the pre-match formalities in the dressing rooms. He may, if he deems it necessary, go back to the dressing rooms during the half-time recess or after the match.

28.7. In the absence of the referees designated by CAF, the match commissioner will have the match played in conformity to the provisions of the present rules.

28.8. The responsibility of ascertaining the regularity of the field's dimensions and practicability and of ascertaining the regular strength of the electric lights for nocturnal matches is exclusively that of the referee.

28.9. The referee and the assistant referees are the only persons to control all procedures concerning the substitution of players during the match.

28.10. The match commissioner may, if he deems it necessary for the security of the referees and 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 prerogative of the referee to suspend the match for any of the reasons stipulated in Law 5 of the laws of the game.

28.11. If any protest concerning one of the rules is submitted by a team to the commissioner, he must try to reconcile conflicting points of view within the framework of the rules of the competition. If, however, he does not succeed, he will register the protest on the appropriate forms. 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.

28.12. The commissioner will observe the match in all its aspects and especially performance of the referees, behaviour of the teams and the public, eventual incidents, organisation of security inside and outside the stadium and organisation of health. The match commissioner must send by fax to CAF Secretariat the result of the match immediately after the end of the match and the preliminary report indicating any eventual

protest lodged by a team. He will send in the forty-eight (48) hours following the match a detailed report to the General Secretariat of CAF by express mail. In case the match commissioner is absent, this duty will be incumbent upon the **central** referee designated for the match.

28.13. The host association must inform the designated commissioner of the date, venue and kick-off time of the match 15 days prior to the match date. It must organise his trip, his stay and will put at his disposal a car from the day of his arrival until his departure. It must send him an endorsable full fare economy ticket and ensure that he receives his ticket at least fourteen (14) days before the match. If in this delay, the commissioner does not receive his air-plane ticket, he will be authorized to pay his ticket and to travel to the venue of the match. In this case, the host association must pay him on his arrival his travel return fare, apart from his sojourn expenses as well as his indemnities according to the rules. It will also pay a fine equivalent to the double price of the commissioner's air-plane ticket without prejudice to the other sanctions the organising committee could impose upon it.

**28.14. In the event that the commissioner of the match is either a Vice-President of CAF or a member of CAF Executive Committee the host Association must send him a 1<sup>st</sup> Class or Business ticket.**

28.15. The absence of the commissioner cannot constitute an obstacle to the playing of the matches at the scheduled date and time. In such circumstances the organising committee's decisions shall be based on the referee's report.

28.16. If the absence of the commissioner is due to a failure on behalf of the host association, no protest raised by the host association shall be taken into consideration. In this case, only the referee's report will bear witness.

## Chapter 18

### Qualification of Players

#### Article 29

Each National 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 selected in conformity with the provisions of Article 15 of the regulations governing the application of the FIFA statutes. All players must present, on request to the Secretariat of CAF and/or to the commissioner of the match, their valid passport.

#### Article 30

30.1. For each match, players must present their valid passport.

30.2. If a travelling team loses the passports of one or many of its players, the team can use the concerned players provided that they take photographs with the match referee or

commissioner, before the match. These photographs shall be sent to CAF Secretariat in Cairo by the referee, together with his report. In case of a protest duly lodged, the concerned team shall present to the Secretariat of CAF the valid passports for comparison with the photographs taken before the match.

30.3. A host team is not allowed to field any player if before the match he does not present his valid passport.

### **Article 31**

During the preliminary phase, each National Association may, at its own discretion, modify the formation of its team between one match and another, even in case of matches to be replayed.

### **Article 32**

Substitutions up to a maximum of three players per team, are permitted at any time during a match. A substituted player can no longer take part in the match.

Before the start of the game, the names of seven substitute players must be registered on the match form.

## **Chapter 19**

### **Sanctions of Players**

#### **Article 33**

33.1. For the preliminary tournament, a player who receives two cautions shall be automatically suspended from playing the following match. This automatic suspension shall be communicated by the Secretariat of CAF to the Associations concerned.

33.2. At the end of the preliminary phase, all cautions received shall be cancelled excepting those which ended to an automatic suspension.

33.3. A player expelled from the field by the referee is automatically suspended from playing the subsequent match of the same competition, without prejudice to other sanctions the organising committee may impose upon him subsequently.

33.4. A player expelled from the field by the referee in two matches of the preliminary tournament is automatically suspended from all the matches his team is due to play up to the end of the preliminary tournament without prejudice to other sanctions the Organising Committee may impose upon him subsequently.

33.5. If a referee reports a player whose behaviour has caused the interruption and/or abandonment of a match, the involved player shall be automatically suspended from playing in the same competition, without prejudice to the sanctions which might be imposed upon him subsequently.

33.6. The suspension of a player for more than one match shall be applicable to the matches of this African Nations Championship **competition and/or the matches of another Competition for representative national teams organized by CAF.**

33.7. In case of serious violations, the guilty player may be suspended not only from the African Nations Championship, but also from all competitions organised by CAF.

33.8. CAF disciplinary Board is empowered to apply disciplinary measures on all incidents registered on the official match reports, before, during or after the match, and this in conformity with the present regulations and CAF disciplinary code.

33.9. Before every match, the Secretariat of CAF shall communicate to the designated match commissioners and referees the name(s) of the suspended player(s). In this case, the suspended player(s) shall be prohibited from taking part in the match by the match officials. This prohibition shall be declared by the CAF match officials. Defaulting officials shall be sanctioned by CAF.

33.10. The tallying of these sanctions remains the responsibility of the national association and they will assume all responsibilities.

33.11. A team which allows a non-qualified or a suspended player to take part in direct elimination matches shall lose the match and shall be eliminated from the competition, even in the absence of protests.

**33.12 For any intentional fraud by falsification of official documents, the concerned Association shall be suspended for two years from all CAF Competitions.**

## Chapter 20

### Protests - Appeals -Rights

#### Protests

##### Article 34

A protest against the qualification of the players who take part in the matches of the preliminary tournament must be made according to the following course:

34.1. It must be preceded by a nominal and motivated protest formulated on the proper form, before the match, by the captain of the protesting team and communicated to the captain of the opposing team who will countersign it.

34.2. It must be confirmed by a registered letter or by a fax or email sent to CAF Secretariat at most 48 hours after the match. The postal stamp of Cairo or of CAF will bear

witness.

34.3. It must be accompanied by the protest fees fixed at \$ 2000 (two thousand US Dollars) which will be returned to the protesting team if the protest is upheld.

34.4. If a national association requests, for players whose qualification is contested to be confronted, this association will have to bear the whole expenses incurred for the transport, the sojourn of the players and the officials accompanying them. If its claim is accepted the expenses will be borne by the association guilty of fraud.

34.5. Other protests are to be communicated to the General Secretary of CAF within the forty-eight (48) hours which follow the match by fax or email. A detailed confirmation by registered letter, fax, or email must reach CAF Secretariat five clear days from the date of the match at the latest, the postal stamp of Cairo and/or CAF will bear witness.

34.6. A deposit of \$2000 (two thousand US Dollars) shall be paid by the protesting team to CAF before the protest can be considered. This sum will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

34.. The decisions taken by the referee on the ground during the match on matters of fact shall not be subject to protests in any case.

## **Chapter 21**

### **Appeals**

#### **Article 35**

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

35.2. The right of appeal is fixed at \$3000 (three thousand US Dollars) which will be returned to the Association concerned if the appeal is upheld.

35.3. The appeal must reach CAF Secretariat by fax or email within the three days following the dispatch by fax or email of the decision of the Organising Committee or by the disciplinary board, the postal stamp of Cairo or CAF will bear witness.

35.4. The appeal shall have no delaying effect except in financial matters and for fines.

## **Chapter 22**

### **Fraud**

#### **Article 36**

If in the three months following every match played within the African Nations Championship, CAF is informed no matter what the source may be, that a fraud infringing the sporting morality was committed by one of the teams, an enquiry will be conducted immediately. In case the assertion is proved, the National Association of the guilty team will be suspended for three years from all the Competitions organised by CAF, at the level of national teams without prejudice to other sanctions.

### **Article 37**

For any deliberate intention to fraud or cheat by falsifying official documents, the defaulting association shall be suspended for two years from all CAF competitions, including the African Cup of Nations.

For any administrative error in the matter of the players' registration without deliberate intention to foul, the concerned association shall be suspended for one year from all CAF competitions.

### **Article 38**

A team that will commit a fraud on a player's identity, his qualification and/or will have a suspended player participate shall be definitively eliminated from the competition by decision of the organising committee that will pronounce verdict as soon as the incriminated facts would be clearly established.

## **Chapter 23**

### **List of Players**

#### **Article 39**

A team which allows a player who does not fulfil the required conditions to take part in a match, shall lose the match and shall be eliminated from the competition, even in the absence of protests from the opponent team.

#### **Article 40**

**A team participating in the African Nations Championship must obligatorily present a list of (18) players who will take part in the match to the commissioner and the referee minimum one hour before the kick off of the match.**

**The commissioner and the referee have the obligation of forbidding any player on the list that does not respond to the qualification rules of the competition, to take part in the match. CAF reserves the right of sanctioning any failure.**

## Chapter 24

### **Colours of Shorts, Shirts and Numbering**

#### **Article 41**

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, the visiting team must change its shirts. If the match is played in a neutral country, the referee shall proceed to a draw to determine the team having to change its shirts. Every team shall have a spare outfit available, other than its official colours.

#### **Article 42**

The shirts and shorts of the players must be numbered from 1 to 18 for the preliminary round. Number one (1) shall be exclusively reserved for one of the goalkeepers. Equipments and numbers on the shirts and shorts must be in conformity with FIFA equipment regulations.

#### **Article 43**

Publicity on the outfits of players of national teams is not permitted. Match commissioners and referees must see to it that this provision is observed and if need be, prevent the playing of the match. The defaulting association shall be sanctioned in conformity with the rules.

## Chapter 25

### **National Anthems and Colours of Flags**

#### **Article 44**

Every travelling team must carry with it the recording (K7 and CD) of its National Anthem as well as the flag of its country.

FIFA flag, FIFA Fair-Play flag, CAF flag and the flags of the two associations must be raised in the stadium during the competition. CAF national anthem must be played during the team's entrance. The national anthems of the two associations will be played after that during the alignment of the teams.

## Chapter 26

### Publicity in the Stadia

#### Article 45

Publicity for tobacco and alcohol is permitted on the occasion of all the matches organised by CAF within the framework of the African Nations Championship, provided that such publicity is allowed by the laws of the country in which the match is being played.

## Chapter 27

### Transmission and Publicity Rights

#### Article 46

The transmission and publicity rights at home during the preliminary round are the propriety of CAF.

CAF is the sole responsible of commercializing the rights

The Local Television will have the right to transmit live and/or delayed in counter part of the propriety of the production and the making available the signal on a satellite

## Chapter 28

### Doping

#### Article 47

47.1. Doping is the use of substances which could have the effect of artificially improving the player's physical and/or mental condition and so augmenting artificially his athletic performance.

47.2. Doping is strictly forbidden by CAF.

47.3. The use of doping substances shall be severely punished.

47.4. The organising committee has the right to carry out anti- doping control at any time on the players during the matches of the African Nations Championship.

47.5. The organising committee shall designate an authorised laboratory for the analysis of the samples.

47.6 The regulations for doping control for the competitions and outside the competitions of FIFA, the disciplinary code of CAF as well as the other directives of FIFA in the matter, in force, are applied to the matches of the African Nations Championship.

47.7. The doctors of CAF designated for the doping control of the preliminary phase matches must be assisted by the national associations to accomplish their mission.

The national associations must especially :

- Book first class hotel for them,
- Assist them at their arrival and departure at the airport,
- Ensure their security and their transport,
- Put at their disposal at the designated stadium an equipped control room (refrigerator, rest rooms, bureau, chairs, mineral water...).

## Chapters 29

### Referees and Assistant Referees

#### Article 48

48.1. Referees and assistant referees designated for the African Nations Championship must be registered on the FIFA lists of international referees and assistant referees of the current year. Their designation procedure by the Referees' committee of CAF will be as follows:

48.2. The matches of the African Nations Championship will be officiated by a central referee and two assistant referees in conformity with the above article 48.1.

48.3. The fourth referee shall be a central referee from the host association on the FIFA list of international central referees of the current year.

48.4. For all the matches of the preliminary round, matches in the zones are officiated by international referees belonging to the national associations of the same zone.

48.5. If in case of force majeure, the central referee is to be substituted, he will be replaced by the first assistant referee. In this case, the second assistant referee will become the first assistant referee and the fourth referee will officiate as second assistant referee. The host federation will designate, if possible, a new assistant referee from the FIFA list of assistants referees of the current year to officiate as fourth referee.

48.6. The host federation shall inform the appointed referees and assistant referees of the venue, date and kick-off time of the match, within a delay of fifteen (15) days before the match. It will organise their trip, their stay in the country. It shall also put at their disposal a car from the day of their arrival until the day of their departure. It will make sure that their sent endorsable PTAs reach them fourteen (14) days at least before the match. The referees and assistant referees are obliged to use the PTAs put at their disposal by the host country. They are in no case allowed to purchase their own

air-plane tickets and ask the organising association for a refund on the spot.

48.7. Any association which sends PTAs must inform the association to which the referees belong of the dispatch of the PTAs.

48.8. If, the PTAs are sent on time by the host association and the designated referees fail to travel, a fine will be imposed upon the national association to which the designated referees belong.

**48.9. In the absence of the designated referees,** the visiting team must remain in the venue of the match up to seventy-two (72) hours as of the hour scheduled for the kick off. In such a case the host association has to provide through a neighbouring neutral association, the arrival of international referees from the FIFA list of the current year, to allow the match to take place within these 72 hours.

48.10. If within this extension, both the referees initially designated and those of the neighbouring association fail to arrive at the venue of the match and if the visiting team is accompanied by an international referee from the FIFA list of the current year, the latter shall officiate with the assistance of two assistant referees and a fourth referee registered on the FIFA list of the current year designated by the host association.

48.11 If the visiting team consents, the match may be played at the hour initially scheduled or before the end of the seventy-two (72) hours with the officiating of local international referees and international assistant referees registered on the FIFA list of the current year designated by the host association.

**48.12. In case the appointed referees and commissioners are both absent,** and if the visiting team is accompanied by an international referee registered on the FIFA list of the current year, the latter will officiate the match at the fixed date. He will be assisted by two local assistant referees and a fourth referee registered on the FIFA list of international referees and assistant referees of the current year and designated by the host association.

48.13. If the visiting team is not accompanied by an international referee, the provisions of the above article 48.9 shall be applied and CAF informed.

48.14. Any international or national referee accompanying a visiting team, shall refrain from penetrating in the field of play or the dressing rooms of the players, before, during or after the game. He should follow the game from the VIP tribune and refrain from interfering at any time in the smooth running of the game. In default, he will be severely sanctioned.

48.15. The new expenses incurred in cases of extension of stay of the visiting team at the venue of the match following the absence or late arrival of the referees, shall be borne by the host association.

48.16. If after the playing of the match in the conditions referred to in article 48-9, it is

established that the absence of the designated referees by CAF was the fault of the host association and the competition is played on the knock-out basis, the host team shall be declared loser by penalty and shall be eliminated from the competition. If it is a group match, the team of the host country shall lose by penalty with the score of 3 to 0.

48.17. A national association which substitutes the referees or assistant referees designated by CAF, except for the cases mentioned in the above article 48-9 shall be considered loser by penalty and eliminated from the competition and the competition is played on the knock-out basis. If it is a group match, it shall lose by penalty with the score of 3 to 0.

## Chapter 30

### **Withdrawals, Refusal to Play, Replacement**

#### **Article 49**

The participating teams must play all the matches of the preliminary phase. In case of withdrawal, they shall be responsible for financial consequences that will be decided by the organising committee.

#### **Article 50**

An association which withdraws before the preliminary phase after having registered, shall entail a fine of one thousand dollars US (1.000 \$) in addition to forfeit the entry fees. It shall not be authorised also to take part in the next edition of the African Nations Championship.

#### **Article 51**

If a team withdraws during the preliminary phase, organised by knock-out system, the opposing team which it was scheduled to meet shall be qualified for the next round.

#### **Article 52**

If a team withdraws or renounces to play the second leg match after having played the first leg match at home, it shall reimburse to the association of the visiting team a sum equivalent to the receipts which this association could have achieved if the second leg match was effectively played. This amount shall be determined by the organising committee of CAF on the basis of average receipts declared by the concerned association for similar matches.

#### **Article 53**

If for any reason whatsoever, a team withdraws from the Competition or does not report for a match except in cases of force majeure accepted by the organising committee, or if it refuses to play or leaves the ground before the regular end of the match without the

authorization of the referee, it shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated for good from the competition. The same shall apply for the teams which were declared disqualified by decision of CAF.

#### **Article 54**

A team which 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 final decision in this respect shall be taken by the organising committee.

#### **Article 55**

The guilty team under the terms of articles 53 et 54 will be eliminated for good from the competition. This team will lose its matches by 3 to 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. Further measures may be adopted against it by the organising committee.

#### **Article 56**

For the group matches, if a team withdraws before the start of the competition, the group will be composed of the number of the remaining teams.

#### **Article 57**

If a team withdraws from the preliminary phase organised in groups, all its results shall be cancelled (points, scored and conceded goals).

#### **Article 58**

The organising committee will take whatever action is necessary in cases of force majeure.

## **Chapter 31**

### **Financial Regulations for the Preliminary Tournament**

#### **Article 59**

If match officials (commissioners and/or referees) go back home without being paid the total amounts of their dues by the host association as per the regulations, a fine equivalent to the double of the amount involved shall be imposed upon the association at fault.

## Article 60

If one or several match officials (commissioner, referees or assistant referees) live in cities other than the capital cities of their own countries, the association organising the match shall pay their travel expenses by plane (if the distance is more than two hundred km) or by car, from their home city to the capital city and back.

## Article 61

For the preliminary tournament matches, the host associations shall transfer the two (2) % stipulated for in the FIFA Statutes.

# TITLE III

## Chapter 32

### Organisation of the Final Tournament

## Article 62

Sixteen (16) representative teams shall be qualified for the final tournament.

62.1. Only the team of the association organising the final tournament is qualified automatically.

62.2. The other seven (15) teams are qualified for the final tournament after the matches of the preliminary tournament as follows:

- North Zone = Two (2) qualified
- Zone West A = Two (2) qualified
- Zone West B = Three (3) qualified
- Central Zone = Three (3) qualified
- Central East Zone = Two (2) qualified
- South Zone = Three (3) qualified

62.3. The National Associations qualified to participate in the final tournament must confirm, in writing, to the Secretariat of CAF, their participation at least three (3) months before the opening date of the final tournament. They must equally reconfirm their participation at least fifteen (15) days before the opening of the final tournament. After this deadline the organizing committee reserves the right to take the appropriate measures.

62.4. The matches of the final tournament must be played in the territory of the organising association, and in case of co-organisation, in the territories of the co-organiser countries.

62.5. The opening of the final tournament of the African Nations Championship shall take place during the month of January of each even year.

62.6. The dates and venues of the final tournament matches are fixed by the organising committee of CAF, after having learnt the view of the organising association, allowing each team to have a minimum break of forty-eight (48) hours between each two matches.

62.7. The kick-off time of the matches shall be fixed by the organising committee. The teams must be present in the dressing rooms one hour at least before kick-off time. Each team must present the valid passports of the twenty-three (23) players selected and registered on the match form to take part in the match.

## **Chapter 33**

### **Colours of Shirts and Shorts - balls**

#### **Article 63**

63.1 Each association will communicate to CAF, a month before the start of the tournament, the main colours and the reserve colours of its outfits. The numbers from 1 to 23 on the shirts and shorts as well as the players' names on the shirts must be in conformity with the FIFA equipment regulations. The number one (1) shall be exclusively reserved for one of the goalkeepers.

The numbers at the back of the shirts must correspond to those indicated on the final list of the team's players.

63.2 The balls of the final tournament are chosen and provided by CAF.

## **Chapter 34**

### **List of Players for the Final Tournament**

#### **Article 64**

64.1. Ten (10) days before the first match of the final tournament, a list of a maximum twenty three (23) players, chosen obligatorily from the previous list communicated to CAF, should reach the secretariat of CAF and the concerned teams. The violation of this stipulation will entail the payment of three thousand US Dollars (\$3000) to CAF by the violating Association. No change can be introduced in the list of the twenty-three (23) players except in cases of force majeure recognised as such by the organising committee.

64.2. A player on the final list cannot be substituted, unless he is seriously injured. twenty-four (24) hours at the latest before the start of the first match of his team. His substitution must be approved in writing by the medical committee of CAF, after

reception and acceptation of a detailed medical certificate. The medical committee of CAF shall write a certificate certifying that the injury is serious enough to prevent the player of participating in the African Championship of Nations and shall give this certificate to the organising committee for approval. Once the certificate is approved, the association must immediately designate a substitute player and inform the general secretariat of CAF of the substitute player. The final list of the twenty-three (23) players shall be published by the general secretariat of CAF.

## Chapter 35

### First Round of the Final Tournament

#### Article 65

65.1. Four groups A, B, C, and D of four teams each shall be formed by the organising Committee of CAF. The host country shall be the seeded team of group A.

65.2. The seeded teams of groups B, C and D will be determined by the organising Committee according to the results of the finalist teams in the last three editions of the African Cup of Nations. The 12 other teams shall be distributed in the groups by public drawing of lots to which the representatives of the participating teams will be invited. However, the absence of these representatives shall not prevent the organisation of the draw on the scheduled day. If the title holder qualifies he will be the seeded team of Group C.

65.3. The drawing of lots for the final tournament must take place at least three months before the start of the final phase.

65.4. The group matches shall be played in accordance with the fixtures established by the organising committee.

66.5. The ranking of the groups shall be established as follows:

- 3 points for the winner
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 point for the loser.

#### Article 66

In case of equality of points between two or more teams after all the group matches have been played, the ranking of the teams shall be established according to the following criteria :

- 66.1 Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the concerned teams;

- 66.2 Goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- 66.3 Greater number of goals scored in all the group matches between the teams concerned;
- 66.4 Goal difference in all group matches;
- 66.5 Greatest number of goals scored in all group matches;
- 66.6 Fair Play point system in which the number of yellow and red cards are evaluated;
- 66.7 Drawing of lots by CAF Organising Committee.

## Chapter 36

### Second Round of the Final Tournament

#### Article 67

67.1. At the conclusion of the matches of the four groups, the first and the second of each group shall be qualified for the quarter-finals.

The quarter finals will be played in the following order ;

- I. Winner of Group A / Second of Group B
- II. Winner of Group B / Second of Group A
- III. Winner of Group C / Second of Group D
- IV. Winner of Group D/ Second of Group C

67.2 The matches of the quarter finals will be played according to the direct elimination system. An extra time of 2 x15 minutes shall be played in case of a draw after the regular time of the match. If after extra time the result is still not decisive, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

67.3 The winner of the quarter finals are qualified to the semi-final matches shall be played with the following order:

- I. Winner Group A/Second Group B
- II. Winner Group B/Second Group A

67.4. The semi-final matches shall be played by the system of direct elimination of the loser as applied in the quarter finals.

67.5. The losers of the semi-finals shall play a match for the third place. In case of a draw after the end of the regular time, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

67.6 The final shall be played between the winners of the semi-finals. In case of a draw

match after the regular time, an extra-time of 2 x15 minutes shall be played. If after the extra time the result is still a draw, kicks will be taken from the penalty mark to determine the winner.

#### **Article 68**

The matches are played in daylight or under flood-light.

### **Chapter 37**

#### **Organising Sub-committee of the Final Tournament**

#### **Article 69**

For the final tournament, the organising committee shall reside in the host country to supervise the matches. The President and the members of the referees Committee , the Medical committee and the Technical Committee of CAF will attend this committee in a consultative capacity with no voting rights.

69.1 The sub-committee will have the same attributes of the Organizing Committee of CFA as defined by the Present regulations.

69.2. The committee shall designate one of its members to officiate as commissioner for each of the matches in the Group it conducts.

69.3. The committee shall organise a technical meeting at the eve or on the day of the match and shall validate the results the day after the match.

69.4. After each match, a communiqué published by the committee will be distributed to all teams.

### **Chapter 38**

#### **Withdrawals, Penalty for Refusal to play and Replacements**

#### **Article 70**

A withdrawal declared forty-five (45) days or more before the start of the final competition, for which an association was qualified shall entail in addition to the forfeit of the entry fee, a fine of two thousand dollars (2000 USD) as well as the suspension of the concerned national association from the following edition of the African Nations Championship.

#### **Article 71**

A withdrawal declared less than forty-five (45) days before the start of the final competition, for which an association was qualified shall entail in addition to the forfeit of the entry fee, a fine of five thousand dollars (5 000 USD) as well as the suspension of the concerned national association from the following edition of the African Nations Championship. Moreover, according to the circumstances, and by decision of the Organising Committee, the association which withdraws may be ordered to pay any expenses already incurred for its team, on the understanding that it would participate in the final tournament, and also to make compensation for any possible losses. This decision cannot be appealed.

### **Article 72**

A withdrawal declared during the final competition shall entail in addition to the forfeit of the entry fee, a fine of ten thousand dollars (10 000 USD) as well as the suspension of the concerned national association for the following two editions of the African Nations Championship. Moreover, the association concerned shall forfeit its share in the profits realised from the receipts. In addition, the organising committee may order the withdrawing Association to make compensation for any possible losses. The decision of the organizing committee cannot be appealed.

### **Article 73**

A national association qualified for the final tournament must take part in the tournament with the best representative team it has. If an association declared through one of its officials including its coaches, that it will use a team other than its best representative team, the Organising Committee shall take the sanctions it deems necessary.

## **Chapitre 39**

### **Withdrawals**

### **Article 74**

If for any reason whatsoever, a team withdraws from the competition or does not report for a match except in cases of force majeure accepted by the Organising Committee, or if it refuses to play or leaves the ground before the regular end of the match without the authorization of the referee, it shall be considered loser and shall be eliminated for good from the competition. The same shall apply for the teams which were declared disqualified by decision of CAF. This decision cannot be appealed.

### **Article 75**

A team which shall not be present on the ground, dressed to play at the time fixed for

kick-off or at most fifteen (15) minutes later, shall forfeit the match. The referee shall register the absence of the team and shall write it in his report. The final decision in this respect shall be taken by the Organising Committee which will take the final decision which cannot be appealed.

#### **Article 76**

The guilty team under the terms of articles 73 and 74 will be eliminated for good from the competition. This team will lose its matches by 3 goals to nil 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. Further measures may be adopted by the Organising Committee.

#### **Article 77**

The guilty team shall be excluded from further participation in the competition and as a result none of its matches shall be valid, unless the incidents mentioned in article 73 occurred at the last group match. Further measures can be taken by the Organising Committee.

#### **Article 78**

If a team withdraws before the start of the final tournament after having being qualified, it shall be replaced by the team classified next in the group. In default, the group to which belongs the forfeiting team shall be composed of three teams.

#### **Article 79**

A team which withdraws after the actual beginning of the final tournament, without playing all the matches of its group, shall be considered loser of all the remaining matches it was scheduled to play by three goals to nil.

#### **Article 80**

A team which withdraws after having reached the semi-finals, it shall be replaced by the team classified next in the group.

#### **Article 81**

A finalist team which refuses to play the final match shall be replaced by the team which it has eliminated in the semi-finals. The other losing semi-finalist shall be declared third of the competition.

## **Article 82**

The Organising Committee will take whatever action is necessary in cases of force majeure.

## **Article 83**

A national association having been entrusted with the organisation of the final tournament of the African Nations Championship and desisting from hosting the final tournament shall be subject to a fine fixed according to the following scale, in addition to further disciplinary sanctions:

83.1. Withdrawal notified one year before the date of the final tournament: a fine of five thousand (5 000) USD

83.2 Withdrawal notified six months before the date of the final tournament: a fine of eight thousand (8 000) USD

83.3. Withdrawal notified after the drawing of lots of the final tournament: a fine of ten thousand (10 000) USD

Moreover, this country shall make compensation for all the moral and financial prejudices caused to CAF and the participating associations.

## **Chapter 40**

### **National Anthems - National Colours- Prohibited Manifestations**

## **Article 84**

84.1. For the final competition, national anthems (K7 - CD - partitions) and the flags of the finalist countries must be sent to the organising country two months before the start of the final tournament. A letter indicating the dispatch of these documents to the organising country must be sent to the secretariat of CAF.

84.2. During the final tournament of the African Nations Championship, one week before and two days after, no meetings and no religious or political demonstrations can be held in the stadia reserved for the competition, the training fields nor the places reserved for the accommodation of the officials, referees and competitors.

84.3. Written or audio-visual slogans offensive to other countries' political or religious convictions are not permitted in the stadia, the accommodation places the training fields. They shall not be allowed also in the programs of match transmission on radio or television.

84.4. FIFA flag, CAF flag and the flags of the two associations must be raised in the stadium during the competition. FIFA Fair-Play flag and CAF flag will be carried in the stadium and visible to the VIP tribune.

84.5. CAF anthem must be played during the team's entrance. The national anthems of the two associations will be played after that during the alignment of the teams.

## **Chapter 41**

### **Refereeing of the Final Tournament**

#### **Article 85**

85.1. Referees and assistant referees designated namely by the Referees' committee. They will be chosen among the referees on the FIFA list of international referees and assistant referees of the current year grouped in the organiser country/countries.

85.2. Associations whose referees are selected for the final tournament must confirm to the au secretariat of CAF, by registered letter, the availability of their referee (s) and this, at least thirty (30) days before the date of the first match of the final tournament. Otherwise, the Referees' committee shall provide automatically to their replacement.

#### **Article 86**

86.1. After every match the referee must fill a report in the official form of CAF and hand it over immediately, before leaving the field at the end of the match to the appointed commissioner

86.2. The referees must also hand over conjointly to the report the list of players and substitutes players as it appears on the match form, and they must signal eventual protests formulated by a team. They must report all the incidents which occurred during the match (cautions and expulsions.....)

## **Chapter 42**

### **Receipts from the Gates, the Publicity and the Transmission Rights**

#### **Article 87**

87.1. In the final tournament, the receipts shall consist of the gate receipts of all the official matches and of the income fees the television, radio broadcasting and publicity rights inside as well as outside the stadia and this, for the whole period of the

tournament

87.2. The television and broadcasting rights on one hand, and the revenues from publicity inside and outside the stadium, as well as the exploitation of the symbol, on the other hand, shall be subject to a separate contract and freely negotiated between CAF and the various specialized agencies for one or more successive editions.

87.3. The television, broadcasting and publicity rights of the draw ceremony of the final tournament belong to CAF. They shall be subject to a separate contract and freely negotiated between CAF and the various specialized agencies.

87.4 CAF reserves the right to seize the rights stated above (87.2 and 87.3) free of charge to the Organizing country in order to cover a part of the organization of the tournament.

87.5. The organising associations shall see to it that the commitments taken by CAF in the contracts signed with the specialized agencies are fully observed on its territory. The organising association must present the consent of its Government in this respect. The organising association is bound to facilitate the task of the specialized agencies all through the Tournament.

87.6. The television and broadcasting rights, as well as the revenues from publicity belong exclusively to CAF and shall be distributed as follows:

- 40% for the 16 finalist countries,
- 20% for the organising country,
- 40% for CAF

87.7. The merchandising and symbol exploitation rights which belong exclusively to CAF shall be ceded to the organizing country.

## **Article 88**

The organising association shall put at the disposal of CAF free of charge:

88.1. The stadia where the matches shall be played, empty of publicity, eight days before the beginning of the final tournament, during the tournament and five days after the end of the tournament.

88.2. All the necessary installations, the international signal and sound towards the satellite, as well as the technical personnel capable of transmitting the matches live and regularly. In return, the organising country shall be allowed to transmit live , only terrestrial, all the matches for which it has given all the above mentioned facilities free of charge inside its territory.

## Article 89

The organising association shall see to it that the commitments taken by CAF as indicated in the contracts concluded between the Confederation and the agencies are fully observed in its territory.

## Article 90

The symbol and the mascot of the final tournament shall be proposed by the holder of the publicity rights, twelve (12) months at least before the opening date of the final tournament. They shall not be given a final recognition until CAF, in consultation with the organising country, has approved them.

## Article 91

The association organising the final tournament shall submit to CAF Finance Committee, six (6) months before the date of the opening, the budget giving the expected expenditure for the organisation of the final tournament and an estimation of the expected receipts and profits. This budget must be approved by the Finance Committee.

## Article 92

The following expenses are to be deducted from the returns mentioned in the above Article 90:

92.1. State taxes, provincial or municipal if actually paid, and with a maximum of thirty percent (30%) of the gross receipts

92.2. Percentages due to FIFA after deduction of taxes mentioned in the above para 92-1.

92.3. The expenses of sojourn of the participating associations starting from three days before the first match of every team up till two days after the last match of the team, exception being made for in case of lack of regular travel service, for a maximum of 30 persons per team. **Exception is made in the absence of regular flight schedules.**

92.4. The expenses of travel in economy class, sojourn and daily indemnity of forty-five (\$45) US Dollars for referees and assistant referees for a maximum of twenty days.

92.5. The sojourn expenses and a daily indemnity of 45 USD (forty-five dollars) per day and a first class airplane ticket for the President, the honorary President(s), the Executive Committee members and the General Secretary of CAF.

92.6. The expenses of travel in economy class, the sojourn expenses and the daily indemnity of forty-five dollars US (45 USD) for:

- a)- The members of the organising committee,

- b)- The assistant secretary general of CAF,
- c)- The general coordinators.

92.7. The endorsable passage tickets of the officials must be issued by the organising association which will send an invitation to the concerned people and shall see to it that their tickets are handed over at least fifteen (15) days before the start of the final tournament.

92.8. The daily indemnity is paid for a maximum of twenty (20) days.

92.9. Five percent (5%) of the gross returns after deduction of the taxes mentioned in the above para 91-1 to the account of CAF treasury.

92.10. Five percent (5%) of the gross returns after deduction of the taxes mentioned in the above para 92-1 to the organising association for the organisation expenses (control, police, entrance tickets, publicity, personnel, etc..).

92.11. Reserves are made as to cases of exceptional expenses which are to be definitely decided by the Executive Committee.

### **Article 93**

After deduction of all the expenditures specified in the above article 91, any possible surplus of returns will be decided by CAF

### **Article 94**

In case the returns referred to in article 86 of these regulations do not suffice to cover the expenses specified in article 91, the deficit shall be paid by the organising association.

### **Article 95**

The organising association shall send to the finalist associations of the tournament and to the general secretariat of CAF, an extract of the statement of account within two months at the latest as from the date of the final match.

### **Article 96**

The payment provided for in these rules must be made at the official rates of exchange on the day in which they are made, without restrictions or special taxes.

### **Article 97**

Any conflict relating to the settlement of accounts will be decided by the Executive Committee whose decision will be final.

## TITLE IV

### Chapter 43

#### Engagements of Gouvernement for the organisation Of the African Nations Championship

##### Article 98

The national association organising the competition must provide a written engagement of its government ensuring:

98.1. That all the members of CAF and the member national associations shall obtain the necessary entry visas and sojourn for the whole duration of the competition .

98.2. That all the statutes and regulations of CAF shall be strictly observed and particularly the financial regulations.

98.3. That the engagements which were formally taken by the National Association concerned shall be considered as approved and accepted by its government.

### Chapter 44

#### Engagement of the Participant Associations

##### Article 99

National Associations taking part in the African Nations Championship (Preliminary and Final Tournaments) undertake formally to fully observe the Regulations and the decisions of CAF Organising and Disciplinary Committee, Referees Committee, Appeal Committee and Executive Committee and to comply with them unreservedly.

##### Article 100 :

1. Each participant member association is responsible:

- a)- for the behaviour of its delegation's members (officials and players) for the whole duration of the competition,
- b)- for the obligatory health, accidents and travel insurance for all the members of its delegation ;

- c)- for the payment of the international transportation and all the supplementary expenses made by the members of its delegation during their sojourn in the final tournament;
- d)- for the constitution in proper time of requests for the necessary visas to the diplomatic mission of the organising country;
- e)- for its obligation of attending press conferences as well as all other official media activity organised by CAF.
- f)- Accepting the regulations set by the organising association of the final competition, in common agreement with CAF;
- g)- Of the travel of its team to the organizing country. The Federation must fly its delegation to the airport of the capital of the organizing country or an airport duly authorized by COCAN and CAF,
- h)- To inform CAF and COCAN of the date, hour and arrival time in the organizing country at least 15 days before the beginning of the final tournament.

## Chapter 45

### Responsibilities of the Organising Association

#### Article 101 :

The obligations and responsibilities of the organising association relative to the finale committee are stipulated in the CAF terms of reference. It is responsible:

- a)- for maintaining order and security, especially inside and outside the stadia, as well as the smooth running of the matches;
- b)- for maintaining order and security around the hotels and the training fields of the participating teams;
- c)- taking out, with the agreement of CAF, of an insurance policy covering all the risks relative to the organisation and the running of the final phase, in particular an adequate civil responsibility insurance for the stadia and the spectators, the local organisation, its members and those of the local organising committee, the employees, the volunteers or any person taking part in the organisation of the final tournament;
- d)- offering to the finalist teams, free access tickets in the stadia in conformity with the quotas fixed by the organising committee.

**Article 102 :**

The organising association releases CAF from all responsibility and renounces to any complaint against the latter and the members of its delegation for any damage resulting from any action or omission in relation with the organisation and the smooth running of the African Nations Championship.

**Article 103 :**

1. The organising association shall be responsible for putting at the disposal of the local and foreign press representatives (press, radio, television and Internet) an adequate number of places and the necessary installations. The conditions which must be met by the organising association concerning the installations for the media and the technical equipments, are specified in the terms of reference.

2. The organising association shall be responsible of making sure that journalists, photographers, television and radio commentators and their teams' members accredited do not enter the field at any moment, neither before, nor during or after the match. Only a limited number of photographers and television personnel in charge of ensuring the technical part of the transmission and all having a special accreditation for the event, may be admitted in the zone situated between the limits of the pitch and the spectators.

## **TITLE V**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Chapter 46**

##### **Copyright**

###### **Article 104**

The fixtures of the competition as well as the matches organised by the organising committee and all the data related to them are subject to a "Copyright" reserved to CAF.

#### **Chapter 47**

##### **Languages**

###### **Article 105**

If there is any discrepancy in text, the French version shall be authoritative.

#### **Chapter 46**

##### **Matters not Provided for**

###### **Article 106**

Matters not provided for in the present regulations shall be decided by the organising committee,

## **Chapter 47**

### **Adoption of the Rules**

#### **Article 107**

The present regulations have been adopted by CAF Executive Committee on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2010, and come into force immediately

**The President**

**The General Secretary**

**Issa HAYATOU**

**Mustapha FAHMY**