



**International Fistball Association**

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**Regulations**  
**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

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## 1 Organizing Association

1.1 The following competitions are organized by the International Fistball Association (IFA):

- **Fistball Men's World Championship**
- **Fistball Women's World Championship**
- **Fistball U18 Male and Female World Championships**

The aforementioned competitions are initiated by IFA and shall be held in accordance with these regulations.

1.2 Competition Rules of IFA (IFCR) forms the basis for all items which are not stated in detail and for every doubtful case.

## 2 Basics / General Information

2.1 These Championships shall be governed by:

- a contract between the IFA and the hosting member association
- Organization Plan of the IFA, incl. Schedule and the Technical Regulations
- Competition Rules of the IFA (IFCR)
- Rules of the Game of the IFA

2.2 The general terms player, coach, head of delegation, referee, linesman etc. refer to both male and female persons.

## 3 Organization

3.1 The IFA Committee is responsible for the overall organization of the World Championships.

3.2 The IFA Technical Committee (TC-IFA) is responsible for the overall technical organization of the World Championships in accordance with these Regulations.

The Technical Committee shall decide on the interpretation of these regulations as well as alterations and necessary amendments which cannot await a regular decision by the IFA Committee.

3.3 Associations wishing to host World Championships shall submit their applications sixteen weeks prior to the beginning of the Congress preceding the relevant World Championships to the IFA general secretariat.

As a general rule, the host association is designated by the Congress. If the Congress fails to decide on a host association, the designation shall be made by the Committee.



## **4 Eligibility to Compete**

- 4.1 Men's and Women's and U18 Male and Female national teams pertaining to all IFA member federations are invited to participate in the World Championships and the preceding qualifying matches if the membership subscription has been paid according to Section 2 of the Standing Orders.
- 4.2 Each association may 10 ten players in total, with 5 players and 3 substitutes competing in individual matches.
- 4.3 A list of players shall be submitted to the Game Management showing the full last name(s), every first name, birth dates and their shirt numbers before the official deadline according to the operational specifications.

## **5 Fixture / Schedule**

- 5.1 World Championships are held according to the following schedule:

- Women's and Men's World Championships every four years
- U18 Male and Female Championships every two years

The World Championships are hosted subject to a minimum participation of six member associations originating from at least two continents.

Exceptions may be granted by the Committee following a consultation of the member federations.

- 5.1.1 The date of the World Championships is fixed by the Committee in agreement with the hosting member association.
- 5.2 The fixture lists are determined by the number of participating member associations. A match schedule is drawn up by the IFA Technical Committee.

## **6 Ranking**

- 6.1 The match shall be played until the deciding set is won.
- 6.2 Ranking is based on the Competition Rules (see art. 4.3).
- 6.3 The winner of the final competition shall be the world champion.



## **7 Referees / Linesmen**

- 7.1 The Games are arbitrated by internationally approved referees. They are appointed by the IFA Referee Assessor.
- 7.2 Linesmen must be licensed referees appointed by the Referee Assessor of the hosting member association.

## **8 Delegations**

A delegation consists of ten players, three coaches and a head of delegation, fourteen persons in total.

The official delegation may be enlarged by further persons (not more than six) at the expense of the delegation concerned.

## **9 IFA Delegates**

All Committee members shall be deemed as official delegates of the IFA.

## **10 Financial Provisions**

- 10.1 The host association shall bear the following costs:
- Costs for one final dinner for all delegations (for U18 with following player's night)
  - Costs for board and lodging for the members of the IFA Committee and the Technical Commission for a period of twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the competition until twenty-four hours after the end of the competition (for members originating from another continent, this time frame shall be extended to forty-eight hours prior to the beginning of the competition)
  - Costs for board and lodging for the referees and linesmen Commission for a period of twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the competition until twenty-four hours after the end of the competition (for members originating from another continent, this time frame shall be extended to forty-eight hours prior to the beginning of the competition)  
No referee fee shall be payable.
  - Costs for transportation from accommodation to the stadiums selected for training and matches for all participants in the competition
  - Costs for adequate and effective marketing and PR-activities as well as all measures involved in the preparation, organization and hosting of the competition.
- 10.2 The travel costs to and from the accommodation shall be borne by the participating associations. They shall also pay for all expenses not provided for under art. 10, par. 1.
- Costs for accommodation and full board at U18 Championships shall be borne by the participating associations (Exception: final dinner and player's night).



- 10.3 Board and lodging that has not been claimed cannot be reimbursed in cash.
- 10.4 The IFA and the host member association agree on a fee (incl. due-date) payable to IFA (account see contract).
- 10.5 Different arrangements regarding the allocation of costs may be made at any time by the participating associations.

## **11 Awards / Awards Ceremony / Protocol Guidelines**

- 11.1 14 medals will be presented to each of the three top teams in the competition, i.e. gold medals to the winner, silver medals to the team ranked second and bronze medals to the team ranked third.
- 11.2 The awards ceremony will be held by the IFA President.
- 11.3 Protocol guidelines for the ceremony will be issued by the IFA Committee.

## **12 Protests**

- 12.1 Protests against the initiation of a competition shall be submitted in writing to the President of the Technical Committee of the IFA within three weeks of receipt of the invitation with an explanation.  
The postmark date is authoritative.
- 12.2 The match schedule and the selection of referees are beyond dispute.
- 12.3 For further details, please refer to the Competition Rules (IFCR), art. 5.

## **13 Arbitration Proceedings**

An arbitration tribunal shall be set up by the President of the Technical Commission of the IFA or a delegate appointed by the latter.

## **14 Insurance Cover**

The participating associations shall provide adequate insurance cover against illness and accidents.

The IFA, the host association and the organizer shall be discharged from liability thereto.



## 15 Violations

- 15.1 The IFA Committee reserves the right to impose sanctions in the event of violations against the provisions of these regulations.

## 16 Ratification

- 16.1 These regulations were ratified by the IFA Committee on 19 November 2011 and come into force on **1 December 2011**.