



Regulations for the
Viva World Cup™
2008

*organized by the N.F.-Board
and the Samiland F.A.*



I – Representation of the Tournament

Article 01

N.F.-Board stages a World Football Tournament for representing senior national teams of Football Associations (hereafter the Competition).

Article 02

N.F.-Board will create the best possible conditions for the organization of the Competition, covering among other aspects, co-ordination and administration of the Competition, the entry procedure and authorisation to take part, the match system, refereeing, control and disciplinary matters, and the exploitation of commercial rights, as well as the necessary conditions to ensure conformity with the Laws of the Game.

Article 03

The Football Associations undertake to stage all matches in the competition in accordance with the present regulations, and to field their strongest teams. They also undertake to observe the principles of fair play, i.e. playing a game fairly and treating an opponent in a sporting manner.

II - Cup and Awards

Article 04

04.01 A challenge cup donated by N.F.-Board is presented to the winning association for two years. The holders are responsible for the loss of or damage to the cup, and must return it to the N.F.-Board Administration in perfect condition at the draw for the next final tournament. N.F.-Board is responsible for engraving the cup with the name of the winning association.

04.02 If the competition is discontinued for any reason, the challenge cup must be returned to N.F.-Board by the holders.

04.03 Other awards can be presented by the organizing Football Association or the city, province or state where is played the competition.

III - Organisation - Responsibilities

Article 05 - Organization

The N.F.-Board is in charge of the operational management. The President delegates some of his duties to the N.F.-Board General Secretary or to the organizing Football Association.

Article 06 - Responsibilities

The Football Associations are responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out a function at a match on their behalf. They undertake to co-operate

IV - Insurance

Article 07

The organizing Football Association is solely responsible for the insurance coverage of the stadiums and of the official tournament sites, and must release N.F.-Board of any liability whatsoever in this respect.

Article 08

The participating teams are responsible for the insurance coverage of their delegation, including players and officials, at their own expense:

- a) - Third-party liability insurance
- b) - Insurance against liability for pecuniary loss
- c) - Accident insurance
- d) - Legal expenses insurance
- e) - Travel luggage insurance
- f) - Robbery insurance

V - Competition System

Article 09 - System

Each team plays each of the other teams according to the league system (three points for a win, one point for a draw, no points for a defeat). The first-named team will be considered as the home team.

Monday 07 July

23.00 – Samiland against Kurdistan (opening game)

Tuesday 08 July

17.00 – Provence against Padania

Wednesday 09 July

13.00 – Provence against Kurdistan

17.00 – Suryoyes against Samiland

Thursday 10 July

12.00 – Suryoyes against Provence

15.00 – Padania against Kurdistan

Friday 11 Juillet

13.00 – Samiland against Padania

17.00 – Kurdistan against Suryoyes

Saturday 12 July

12.00 – Padania against Suryoyes

16.00 – Samiland against Provence

Sunday 13 July

11.00 – Ranking match for the 3rd and 4th places

17.00 – Final

Article 10 - Equality of points after the group matches

If several teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria will be used to determine the rankings in the order given:

- a) Number of points obtained in the matches among the teams in question
- b) Goal difference in the matches among the teams in question
- c) Number of goals scored in the matches among the teams in question (if more than two teams finish equal on points)
- d) Goal difference in all the group matches
- e) Number of goals scored in all the group matches
- f) Fair play conduct of the teams (final tournament)
- g) Drawing of lots

Article 11

If two teams meeting in one of the last group matches have the same number of points, the same goal difference and the same number of goals, and if this match stands at a draw at the end of normal time, the ranking of these two teams will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark (cf. article 27), rather than by criteria listed under art.10 letters a) to g).

Article 12 - Final

The winner and the 2nd teams of the group contest the final.

Article 13 - Ranking match

The 3rd and the 4th teams of the group contest the ranking match.

Article 14 – Kicks from the penalty mark

If, upon completion of normal playing time, the final or the ranking match ends in a draw, kicks from the penalty mark (cf. article 27) determine the winning team.

Article 15

Refusal to play, matches abandoned or not played through the fault of a Football Association

15.01 A Football Association which has entered the Competition undertakes to play all its matches.

15.02 Fines for refusing to play will be set on a case-by-case basis by the Control and Disciplinary Body. Furthermore, a Football Association that refuses to play can be disqualified from the competition.

15.03 If a team refuses to play before the final or the ranking match, the N.F.-Board Executive Committee is empowered to decide on a possible replacement. In selecting a replacement association, the N.F.-Board Administration will consider the results achieved by the associations eliminated previously. The N.F.-Board Executive Committee decision is final.

15.04 If the circumstances surrounding a refusal to play are deemed serious enough to justify such a step, the Control and Disciplinary Body is empowered to take any additional action it deems appropriate. This action may include the right to suspend the association concerned from the current competition and/or following competition, and/or any other N.F.-Board competition.

15.05 If a match cannot be played or cannot be completed through the fault of one team or its association, the Control and Disciplinary Body will award the match to a team by default, disqualify the team concerned from the Competition, or take any other disciplinary action which it deems appropriate.

15.06 If a team is disqualified during the group matches, the points of all of its matches will be declared void.

VI - Fixtures

Article 16

The N.F.-Board Executive Committee is responsible, in conjunction with the Organizing Football Association, whom it will consult in this regard, for drawing up the fixture list for the competition.

Article 17

Each association taking part in the competition must arrive in the host country at least one day before their first match.

VII - Fields of Play, Stadiums and Match Balls. Principles of Protocol and Organisation

Article 18 - Stadiums

All stadiums chosen to host matches in the competition must observe the following conditions:

- Minimal dimensions of the field of play: 100 m x 60 m
- Some individual seats.

They must be available free of existing commercial rights contracts, reserved seats, etc.

Article 19 - Balls

Balls used must conform to the requirements laid down in the Laws of the Game.

Article 20 - Match arrangements

The following provisions must be observed:

- a) The N.F.-Board flag, as well as the flags of the teams taking part in the match, must be flown in the stadium at all matches in this Competition. The representative anthems of both teams involved must be played.
- b) At all matches in this Competition, the players are invited to shake hands with their opponents and the referees after the line-up procedure, as a gesture of fair play.
- c) Only four team officials and eleven substitute players are allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench, i.e. a total of 15 persons. The names of all these persons and their functions must be listed on the Match Sheet.
- d) No spectators are allowed in the area between the stands and the touch-line or goal-line.
- e) The official N.F.-Board representatives and at least two representatives of each visiting association must be provided with top-category seats.

Article 21 - Media arrangements

The following provisions must also be observed:

- a) The teams must participate to each quotidian media conference. Each media conference must be attended by at least the head coach of the team plus one or, preferably, two players.
- b) Interviews are not permitted before, during or after the match on the field of play itself or in its immediate vicinity. However, the host association may designate an area between the substitutes' bench and dressing-rooms in which interviews can take place at half-time and at the end of the match. An interview during the half-time interval may only be conducted in the designated area with the coaches of the two teams involved in the match, subject to their prior consent. Players, including those on the substitutes' bench, may not be interviewed during the half-time interval. Interviews are also allowed with coaches and players upon their arrival at the stadium, on the way from the team bus to the dressing-room area.
- c) The team dressing-rooms are off limits to representatives of the media before, during and after the match
- d) - Accreditation of media representatives is the sole responsibility of N.F.-Board. Media representatives are strictly obliged to sign a protocol with the N.F.-Board.

Article 22 – Official photographs

Before the beginning of the competition, each team has to introduce all its players to an individual photographs performance of 30 minutes length. The players have to wear their official jersey and to appear in the increasing order of their numbering.

VIII - Laws of the Game

Article 23

Matches are played in conformity with the Laws of the Game promulgated by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).

Article 24 - Substitution of players

The substitution of five players per team is permitted in the course of the match. The use of numbered panels to indicate the substitution of players is wished.

Article 25 - Match Sheet

25.01 Before the match, each association will receive a Match Sheet on which the numbers, full names, dates of birth and, if applicable, the nicknames of the 22 players in the squad must be entered, together with the full names of the officials seated on the substitutes' bench.

25.02 The Match Sheet must be properly completed in block capitals, and signed by the captain and competent association official. The 11 first-named players must commence the match. The other eleven are designated as substitutes. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the Match Sheet. The goalkeepers and team captain must be identified. Both associations must hand their Match Sheet to the referee at least 45 minutes before kick-off.

25.03 The referee may ask to see the player's registration licence, personal identity card or passport of the players whose names are listed on the Match Sheet. Each player participating in a competition match must be in possession of an official personal identity card/passport, containing his photograph and date of birth.

25.04 If the Match Sheet is not completed and returned in time, the matter will be submitted to the Control and Disciplinary Body.

25.05 Only five of the substitutes listed on the Match Sheet may take part in the match. A player who has been substituted may take no further part in the match.

25.06 If there are fewer than eight players on either of the teams, the match will be abandoned. In this case, the Control and Disciplinary Body decides on the consequences.

Article 26 - Half-time interval, break before extra time

The half-time interval lasts 15 minutes.

Article 27 - Kicks from the penalty mark

27.01 The referee chooses the goal at which the kicks will be taken.

27.02 He tosses a coin, and the team whose captain wins the toss takes the first kick.

27.03 Subject to the terms of b) and c) below, each team takes five kicks.

a) Kicks are taken alternately.

b) If, before each team has taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could, even if it were to complete its five kicks, no more kicks will be taken.

c) If, after each team has taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken, in the same order, until such a time as both have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily five more kicks) and one has scored one goal more than the other.

27.04 The team which scores the greater number of goals in accordance with the terms of 26.03 qualifies for the next phase of the Competition or is declared winner of the Competition, as the case may be.

27.05 With the exception of the situation referred to in 26.06, only players who are on the field of play at the end of the match - which includes extra time when applicable - as well as any who, having left the field temporarily, with or without the referee's permission, are not on the field of play at that time, are allowed to take penalty kicks.

27.06 Provided his team has not already made use of the maximum number of substitutes permitted by the rules of the competition under which the match is being played, a goalkeeper who sustains an injury while the kicks are being taken and is unable to continue to keep goal may be replaced by a substitute.

27.07 Each kick is taken by a different player, and not until all eligible players on each team, including the goalkeeper or the named substitute by whom he has been replaced under the terms of 26.05 and 26.06, as the case may be, have each taken a kick, may a player from the same team take a second kick.

27.08 Subject to the terms of 26.05 and 26.06, any player who is eligible may change places with his goalkeeper at any time when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

27.09 Other than the player taking a kick from the penalty mark, and the two goalkeepers, all players must remain within the centre circle when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

27.10 The goalkeeper who is on the same team as the player taking the kick must remain on the field of play, outside the penalty area in which the kicks are being taken, on the goal-line, where it meets the penalty area boundary line.

27.11 Unless stated to the contrary in 26.01 to 26.10, the Laws of the Game and the International Football Association Board decisions relating thereto, apply, in so far as they can, to the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

27.12 In order to guarantee the strict observation of these rules, the referee is assisted by one assistant referee, who notes down the numbers of the players of each team having taken a kick. The other assistant referee supervises the players in the centre circle.

27.13 When a team finishes the match with a greater number of players than their opponents, they shall reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. The team captain has this responsibility.

27.14 Before the start of kicks from the penalty mark the referee shall ensure that only an equal number of players from each team remain within the centre circle and they shall take the kicks.

27.15 If the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for other reasons beyond control, the results will be decided by the drawing of lots by the referee in the presence of the N.F.-Board delegate and the two team captains.

IX - Player Eligibility

Article 28

Each Football Association must select its national representative team from players who comply strictly with the provisions of N.F.-Board.

Article 29 - List of players for the competition

29.01 An official list of 22 players must be submitted to the N.F.- General Secretary at least 7 days before the opening match in the competition. The list can be modified until the day before the opening match in the competition.

29.02 No further changes may be made to this list after this deadline. Only the 22 players which are noted down on the list at the deadline will be authorized to play the competition.

29.03 The official players' lists will be published by the N.F.-Board Administration.

X - Kit

Article 30 - Colours

If the referee decides that the colours of the two teams (including the goalkeepers) could lead to confusion, the “home” team (cf. article 09) must wear other colours. The “visiting” team must always wear the official colours indicated on its entry form, unless the associations concerned agree otherwise, in which case details must be submitted to the N.F.-Board Administration in writing. If such a situation of a potential confusion of team colours arises, both teams must wear different colours. If the associations are unable to agree on the colours to be worn by their teams, the N.F.-Board Administration will decide in consultation with the referee.

Article 31 - Numbers

The players must be allocated fixed numbers for the entire competition from 1 to 22.

XI - Referees

Article 32 - Appointment

The host Football Association, in consultation with the N.F.-Board Administration, will appoint the referees and assistant referees for the competition matches.

Article 33 - Referee's report

33.01 After the match, the referee completes an official report, signs it and hands it immediately to the N.F.-Board Match Commissioner, together with both Match Sheets.

33.02 On his report, the referee reports in as much detail as possible on any incidents before, during and after the match, such as:

- a) Misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion.
- b) Unsporting behaviour by officials, members, supporters, or anyone carrying out a function at a match on behalf of an association.
- c) Any other incidents.

XII - Disciplinary Law and Procedures

Article 34 - Disciplinary Regulations

Action in infringement of the regulations, or disciplinary offences by associations, officials, members or other individuals exercising a function at a match on behalf of an association, will be punished by the Control and Disciplinary Body.

Article 35 - Yellow and red cards

35.01 In principle, a player who is sent off the field of play is suspended for the next match in the competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment.

35.02 In the case of repeated cautions in different matches, the offending player is suspended for one match as from the second and fourth caution, as well as following any subsequent caution. The Control and Disciplinary Body will confirm the first and the third caution.

Article 36 - Protests

36.01 Protests are dealt with by the Control and Disciplinary Body.

36.02 Protests must be presented to the Match Commissioner within a maximum of three hours of the end of the match. The Match Commissioner will then immediately submit a written report to the Control and Disciplinary Body.

36.03 The protest fee is EUR 100.

36.04 Protests cannot be lodged against factual decisions taken by the referee on the field of play.

36.05 The N.F.-Board Administration submits documents of direct concern to the protest to the opposing party for its reaction and account.

36.06 Protests regarding the eligibility of players on the list of 22 players must reach the N.F.-Board Administration before the opening match in competition.

36.07 The Control and Disciplinary Body can instruct a disciplinary inspector to conduct further investigations.

Article 37 - Appeals

37.01 The Appeals Body deals with appeals lodged against decisions of the Control and Disciplinary Body.

37.02 To be valid, appeals lodged during the competition must be submitted to the official NF-Board Administration in writing within 6 hours of the dispatch of the contested decision.

XIII - Exploitation of the Commercial Rights

Article 38

N.F.-Board holds the rights for the exploitation of the commercial rights of the competition matches and of the official training grounds.

Article 39

Permission for Football Associations playing in the competition to make "coaching" films, which must not be used for any commercial purposes whatsoever, and which will be used exclusively for the instruction of players, referees and officials of the associations concerned, must be obtained from the N.F.-Board Administration, which will set any relevant financial and other conditions. Any such requests for permission must be submitted to N.F.-Board at least 10 days before the start of the competition.

XIV - Intellectual Property Rights

Article 40

The N.F.-Board is the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights of the competition, including but not limited to any current or future rights of aforementioned rights requires the prior written consent of N.F.-Board, and must always conform to N.F.-Board's instructions and guidelines on correct usage.

Article 41

All rights to the fixture list, as well as the matches in the competition, are the sole and exclusive property of the N.F.-Board.

XV - Unforeseen Circumstances**Article 42**

The N.F.-Board Executive Committee will decide on any matters not provided for in these regulations, as well as in cases of force majeure.