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Final Tournament

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OFAF	Oceania Federation of American Football
TC	Tournament Committee
LOC	Local Organizing Committee
WWC 2010	Women's World Championship 2010

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§1 ***Definition of the competition***

The Women's World Championship 2010 tournament will be restricted to Female Senior National teams whose National Federations/Associations are both in good standing with all IFAF statutes as well as their IFAF continental representatives. All open payments from previous IFAF tournaments have to be settled. This includes payments towards IFAF as well as to Local Organizing Committees.

All players whether playing in their home country or in any other IFAF or IFAF continental representative affiliated country shall be released by their club/team to play in games representing their National Federation/Association.

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§2 General provisions and Financial requirements

The National Federation/Association shall enter its National team, according to the established procedures, and will also guarantee their participation and liabilities related to the final tournament. The entry fees of the final tournament are decided by IFAF and have to be paid to IFAF within the specific date. If these conditions are not observed, IFAF may declare the entry invalid, which precludes any participation, or accept the late entry and eventually impose a fine. Appeals may be lodged against such decisions, according to IFAF appeals regulations and statutes.

The organizers of the games must take necessary insurance, and in particular third party liability. If a stadium is not owned, or otherwise controlled by the local National Federation/Association, the realm of the responsibility must be clarified with the stadium owner and clearly defined. Claims of damage against IFAF or its continental representatives shall be officially excluded. A written document in English on the three aforementioned issues signed by the insurance company/companies shall be forwarded to the Tournament Committee latest three months before the start of the final tournament.

The National Federations/ Associations and their teams participating in the competition shall undertake to fully observe the regulations as well as the decisions taken by the responsible IFAF authorities.

Entry fee for the tournament is: 2.000 EUROS.

Deadlines:

A) By 15.30.2009, the participating Federation/Association shall provide the following:

- signed contract/application form confirming their entry in the tournament
- pay an entry fee of 2.000 Euros to IFAF
- one page team history as Word-document file mailed to IFAF and to the LOC, including the National Federation or Association logo as .jpg, .gif or similar format
- name and contact data (addresses, e-mail, phone number of federation office and of team manager). This main contact person has to be an English speaking person.

B) By 15.01.2010, the participating Federation/Association shall provide the following:

- a bank guarantee or deposit in the amount of 2.000 Euros

The bank guarantee or deposit will be held in a separate escrow account and refunded to the federation upon confirmation that the team has satisfied all of the requirements in the regulations to include: participation in all required games, as well as, satisfying all financial requirements to include damages or costs incurred by third parties as a result of participation. Upon receipt of satisfactory report, IFAF shall refund the deposit or bank guarantee latest 30 days after the team's final game in the tournament. Federations/Associations that have unfulfilled previous obligations to

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IFAF will not be permitted to enter the tournament. Bank guarantees shall be written in English and shall be first demand guarantees (meaning that the Bank shall pay it without asking the relevant Federation/Association or delay payment for whatever reason) or L/C; bank guarantee shall not expire until a 45-day delay after the final game.

C) By 30.4.2010 the participating Federation/Association must pay the fee of game officials (maximum of 3.000 Euros).

D) Deadlines for separate roster and other similar requirements to the final tournament:

1) By 30.04.2010:

- a. Advance payment for food and accommodation to the LOC
- b. jersey colours (home and away) – subject to approval of IFAF Tournament Committee.

2) 30 days before final tournament:

- a. 75-player IFAF final tournament roster form completed with – players Last Name, First Name, Jersey number, Position, Height, Weight, Current Club team – must be submitted to IFAF and to the LOC plus name list of all executives, doctors, sideline personnel (maximum of 25 other personnel in sideline area). Players cannot be exchanged from that list.

3) 24 hours before kickoff of first final tournament game:

- a. a 45-player IFAF final tournament roster form completed with – players Last Name, First Name, Jersey number, Position, Height, Weight, Current Club team – must be submitted to IFAF and to the LOC plus name list of all executives, doctors, sideline personnel (maximum of 25 other personnel in sideline area). Players cannot be exchanged from that list. Final roster form must be received in the Official Headquarters of WWC 2010
- b. national anthem on a CD

Failure to comply any deadlines will be result in the following:

- 1) Failure to meet deadline date, fine of 500 Euros for each offence.
- 2) Failure to submit required information 7 days after deadline rate: Possible expulsion from the tournament, plus a fine associated to refusal to play §3 in accordance to non-payment of entry fee, bank guarantee

Failure to comply with the deadline - two weeks before the final tournament -, will result in the following:

- 1) Failure to meet deadline date, fine of 1.000 Euros for each offence.
- 2) Failure to submit required information within 1 hour after deadline rate: Possible expulsion from the tournament, plus a fine associated to refusal to play §3 in accordance to non-payment of entry fee, bank guarantee

If IFAF Office or IFAF tournament committee are sending out requests to the designated communication liaison officer of a participant and no answer is received on that request within 48 hours IFAF may fine the federation for 500 EUR.

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§3 Refusal to play and similar cases

In other cases than described in §14, refusal to play automatically leads to disqualification and the team is fined as follows:

Refusal to play during:

- Final tournament 5.000,00 EUROS

The fine shall be paid within one month from the receipt of the IFAF decision.

Any actions directly or indirectly caused by the team or its National Federations/ Association, with the result that a game can not take place or be played to its full extent will be dealt with as refusal to play.

§4 Financial Provisions

The National Federations/Associations are responsible for their own travelling arrangements to and from the game venue and for all other payments due in connection with their travel and accommodation and food.

Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will provide the following:

- 1) at least three possibilities of residence and lodging for 45 players + 10 coaches/staff per team including one of a school/college facility, one of a youth hostel and one of a two-star hotel. The locations and the rates shall be forwarded to the TC at least 6 months before the tournament's start. Locations shall be within a 15-kilometer range of the game venue. The organizer shall make its best efforts to find locations fitting the requests of the participating teams if any. LOC will send to participating teams an invoice for advanced payment (for deadline see §2 1) a))
- 2) Laundry for game uniforms; 24-hour service after each game not including the final games of each participant.
- 3) Bus transportation to and from nearest international airport/harbour to the hosting city. Bus transportation to and from the hotel to game and practice venues;
- 4) Organization of the stadium;
- 5) Advertising and public relations;
- 6) Residence and lodging for referees (no per diem) and
- 7) VIP-hospitality.

§5 *Technical meetings*

LOC will host a technical meeting no earlier than two (2) months before and no later than one (1) month prior to the tournament. Both Chef-De-Mission and Head Coach are required to participate at

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the technical meeting. Each participant is responsible for their own travel and lodging costs for the technical meeting.

Failure to participate at technical meeting will lead to a fine of 2.000 Euros per missing person.

During final tournament TC will host mandatory team meetings after each game day (not after final game day) and may do also for other times if necessary. These meetings are mandatory for all participants. TC will decide when both CDM and head coach are necessary

§6 Trophies and Medals

LOC will provide 46 medals (45 to players and 1 for National federation) to the Champion, runner – up and bronze game winner and IFAF will provide the trophies for the Champion, Runner- up, Bronze game winner and the MVP.

LOC will provide trophies/plaques for all-tournament team (23), coach of the tournament and the fair play team award.

§7 Game system

The competition system is decided by IFAF. The games shall be executed according to IFAF rules (NCAA game rules of the year previous to the year of the game/s played). Please observe the IFAF minimum game requirements and exceptions specified in these regulations.

The head game official can interrupt a game before the expiration of the statutory playing time or during possible extra-time because of weather conditions or for other reasons beyond his control. TC can, after game has been interrupted by head game official, decide to abandon the game or decide when the game will be continued. TC's decision is final and the game will end with the existing score or points.

Appeals versus the result of the abandoned match may be conducted to the IFAF appeals committee.

§8 Eligibility of Players

Overall requirements:

Only female players are allowed to play in the tournament. Players need to turn minimum of 16-years of age during the competition year. Each player is only eligible to play for the National Federation/Association of her own nationality.

If a player has changed her nationality or holds two or more nationalities she is eligible to play for her new or chosen nationality. However, if a player has represented one National Federation/Association in any official IFAF or its continental representative tournament, including

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both senior and junior tournament, the player is not eligible to play for any other National Federation/Association. Players' nationality must be proven on game day.

A player has to be citizen of the country she intends to play for by the time she has to be nominated on the 45-player preliminary roster.

Game day requirements:

Each team shall on game day indicate, on the official IFAF team roster form, the names of the 45 players and their staff (maximum 25 staff). The IFAF supervisor will request presentation of a passport of each player. In case of no IFAF supervisor being present the head game official will carry the above identity check.

Identity documents must be a passport which includes photograph, date of birth, sex and nationality. In case of a player/ team is not able to present identity document the player will be ineligible to play.

Violation of players' eligibility regulations can lead to the team's or player's disqualification and/or of a fine of no more than 5.000,00 Euros.

§9 Tournament format

The games of the IFAF Women's World Championship shall be played on fixed dates, approved by IFAF.

There will not be a qualification round.

The tournament will be a six-team tournament.

Groupings and seeding are set by IFAF Exco upon proposal of the TC.

There will be a ranking of all participants set by the TC to determine the home rights. This ranking is used to determine groupings and which team has to be placed in the stadiums on the team zone which is normally used by the home team and for the right to choose the colour of the game jersey.

§10 Organisation – Responsibilities

IFAF shall appoint a tournament committee to serve as organizer and coordinator of the tournament.

World Championships 2010 tournament committee:

Chairman: Chairman of IFAF competitions committee

Deputy Chairman: IFAF Secretary

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The chairman of the WWC TC is the Executive Tournament Director. In case of his absence the deputy chairman is Executive Tournament Director.

IFAF shall appoint and assign and be responsible for all matters concerning the officiating of the competition. (Further information in §15)

IFAF tournament committee will have the responsibility to control player identifications and eligibility, the field/arena and the security measures (further information in §13). Infractions of the Competition regulations shall be reported to the TC who will take all necessary action at the game site and forward a game report to IFAF.

The National Federations/Associations are responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials, and members or of any other person fulfilling a position or function on behalf of the team.

All venue changes must be sanctioned by IFAF tournament committee.

LOC shall be responsible for order and security before, during and after the game.

LOC shall provide a CD of national anthems of all participating teams.

§11 Laws of the game

The games shall be played in conformity with the 2010 IFAF rules (NCAA game rules 2009) with the following specified exceptions:

The game time is 48 minutes divided into 4x12 minute quarters.

Game ball size shall be decided by the WWC TC.

Player ejections: Any player ejected from the game will not be eligible to play in his team's next game in this competition.

Equipment, Uniforms and Colours of the Teams:

a) All players must wear all mandatory equipment.

b) Team players uniforms (socks, pants, jerseys, facemasks and helmets) shall be identical and in good condition;

c) Player socks need to be high socks and worn high throughout the game.

d) Teams shall have two complete set of players jerseys. Its home colour and white/light-coloured jerseys for away games.

e) Advertisement on the game uniform is forbidden (further information §20).

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§12 IFAF minimum game requirements

Game Balls:

Only approved game balls are to be used. TC will decide on game balls used both in final tournament.

LOC will provide minimum of 3 game balls, pump, pressure gauge and towels to the game officials at least 60 minutes before kick-off; in wet weather, please have as many game balls as possible.

Field Markings:

Full NCAA markings with end zones 10yds deep. If the field must be shortened then field is adjusted from the center (midfield must be at least 45 yards from each end zone. Goalposts must be on the end line and padded.

Equipment and personal:

Down marker and chain set (10 yards only) to be of good condition. Home team has to supply 3 persons 18 years or older at least 20 minutes before the kick-off.

Ball persons:

LOC has to supply 2 persons 18 years or older at least 20 minutes before the kick-off.

Uniform colours:

Teams have to wear completely contrasting coloured shirts. Visiting team changes if deemed necessary by the TC.

Changing rooms:

Teams and game officials are to have separated changing rooms, game officials changing room to be adequate in size for at least 7 officials, team changing rooms to be adequate for 45 players.

Game management to assist game officials at the game:

-Medical requirements to meet minimum requirements at least 30 minutes before kick-off:

- a) A qualified medical doctor must be present at all times during the game;
- b) A first aid kit including a suitable (preferably inflatable) set of limb splints must be available
- c) Medical doctor to be named on the roster form

If the above mentioned requirements are not reached, then the game will be suspended.

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Statistics

Full statistics are required in all qualification and final tournament games including Scoring Summary, Participation report, Box Score, Game Summary, Team Statistics, Individual Statistics, Drive Chart, Defensive Statistics and play-by play as according to IFAF statistics guidelines. Statistics must be submitted to IFAF and be available for media and coaches of both competing teams within a maximum of one hour of the conclusion of the game.

Head coaches report form:

This is to be sent to be given to IFAF director of officiating at tournament site within 2 hours of the game.

Video:

Game video given to IFAF director of officiating with the same deadline as to teams, this video is for assessment of the officials only.

Guidelines for Video/camera person:

- Camera to be running throughout the game, even on penalty administrations and injuries.

§13 Arena and field

IFAF may refuse to permit games to be played in arenas which do not measure up to international standards, by which it means that the ground must be in good condition as to both the playing surface and the facilities. The stadium must conform to the security prescriptions of the competent civil authorities. The LOC must ensure that the stadium they use undergoes a periodic safety check. The games can be played in daytime or evening but then, only on grounds equipped with appropriate floodlights.

In order to guarantee the safety of the players and the game officials, the hosting team shall provide for an access to the field ensuring safe entry and exit.

IFAF official representatives and at least four representatives of the visiting team and its National Federation/Association and at least two representatives of other IFAF member National Federation/Association shall be seated in the best category seats. An adequate number of complimentary and paying seats, to be fixed by mutual agreement, shall be reserved for the visiting team.

§14 Unfitness of grounds

If the National Federations/Associations/ home/visiting team concerned considers the ground unfit for play, they are responsible to have the ground inspected by IFAF TC, if the ground is deemed unfit the LOC and TC shall inform concerned participants and LOC immediately.

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If the ground is subsequently deemed unfit, LOC is responsible for securing a suitable alternative venue for the game in venue or the game shall be played on the following day unless reasons beyond control impede such a game taking place.

In the event that the game does not take place it shall be rescheduled in accordance with the schedule or the result shall be decided by the flip of a coin. The same provisions apply if the game is abandoned for the same reasons.

The TC can abandon a game before the expiration of the statutory playing time or during overtime due to Force Majeure. TC's decision is final and the game will end with the existing score of points.

§15 **Game officials**

All game officials and observers will be appointed by IFAF.

IFAF will appoint officials to the final tournament from IFAF officials.

For final tournament participants must pay 3.000 Euro officiating fee. Unused part of the fee (if any) will be returned to participants after tournament.

Officials travel will be covered by IFAF and accommodation and food by LOC.

The game officials report form shall be signed by the head coaches and the game management in charge of the teams. After the game the Head Referee shall complete the official game report form, sign it and hand it to the TC maximum 1 hour after the end of the game.

The report shall include as much information as possible about all occurrences before, during and after the game, such as:

- a) Misconduct of the players, leading to reprimands or expulsion;
- b) Unsportsmanlike behaviour of officials, members, supporters and of any person fulfilling a duty on behalf of a team or organizer and
- c) Any other noticed incidents.

Official uniforms

Official uniforms have to be in good condition and shall only have the IFAF logo attached to them. All other logos/advertisement will be removed before the game/tournament.

§16 **Anti-doping regulations**

IFAF anti-doping regulations are in effect during final tournament

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§17 **Disciplinary measures**

IFAF disciplinary regulations are in effect during final tournament.

§18 **Protests and Appeals**

IFAF protest and appeal regulations are in effect during final tournament.

§19 **Media regulations**

IFAF regulations set in the IFAF Media Manual (to be published) are in effect during final tournament.

§20 **Advertisement**

- a) Advertisement on the player uniforms is in general forbidden. Federations are allowed to fix the logo of the manufacture of player uniforms on the clothing. A federation wishing to fix advertisement of a sponsor on the player uniforms (including helmets) has to submit the request three months in advance to LOC and TC. Permission will be granted if there is no conflict with a tournament main sponsor. A tournament main sponsor is a sponsor who pays a significant amount of money to LOC. The definition of a significant amount of money is subject to circumstances.
- b) fix advertisement of a sponsor on the player uniforms of participant teams. The Organiser has the right to sell and fix advertising on the right shoulder (looking from front) of the each team's game jersey. LOC has to inform TC and participants if it will use the right latest April 30th, 2010. LOC is responsible for costs of attaching and removing of the advertisement. Advertisement will be fixed on the uniforms upon arrival of the team to tournament and removed after last game.
- c) IFAF has an exclusive right to 10 meters of arena signs in each end zone and one free page in the official game program in all the games in the tournament. IFAF has to notify the organizer of the game or hosting team not later than two months prior to the start of qualification and final tournaments its decision to use this right.
- d) At all games of final tournament the logo of IFAF and of the relevant continental federation shall be visible to the spectators in the stadium.

If in any country there are more restrictive advertisement regulations, or a complete prohibition of publicity, these shall supersede these regulations.

Violations of this regulation may lead to an imposition of a fine of no more than 3.000 euros. IFAF hereby waives and disclaims all responsibilities arising from disputes between organizer and third party.

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§21 Television and publishing issues

- a) IFAF is the exclusive holder of television, internet and radio broadcast rights, irrespective, as well as any other use and distribution by whatever audio-visual and sound broadcasting media.
- b) Provided that the principle laid down mentioned in §1 is observed and that the bodies mentioned above give their consent, IFAF agrees to the transmission of the games by television (closed circuit & cassettes included), sound broadcast, internet and the cinema for the qualification tournament games.

All games, which shall be transmitted by television, closed circuit, internet, broadcast by radio stations or shot by film producers, shall be covered by a written contract. IFAF is entitled to be informed in advance and in writing of the contents of such contract.

- c) If the said broadcasting transmission or reproduction is intended for another country, the holder of the rights as defined above may grant authorization only under the condition that it has obtained the prior consent of the National Federation/Association of the receiving country.
- d) Since the original television broadcast and relays of the games of this tournament should not compete with other football games being played in the country of origin of the game and in the countries where the broadcast is relayed respectively, teams, national federations/associations and their affiliated organizations are obliged to include in all their contract for the ceding and use of TV rights the wording of §21 in these regulations. The National Federations/Associations concerned are responsible for the observation of these provisions.
- e) IFAF recommends the participating National Federations/Associations to exchange videotapes from the tournament games.
 - a. Each participating country has to provide a video tape or DVD of the last national team competition game of the federation to IFAF office for IFAF officiating department. If the last national team competition game was more than two years ago or in case of no prior female national team game the federation has to provide additional video material from friendship games or domestic league games by a deadline to be decided by the TC.

Violation of §21 leads to a fine up to 10.000 euros.

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§22 *Force Majeure*

IFAF has the right to make decisions in all matters concerned in the tournament if the circumstances are unforeseen and has not been provided in these regulations.

Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.

§23 *Sanctions*

These tournament regulations were sanctioned by the Executive Committee on 10/27/09.