



WMF INTERNATIONAL GAMES REGULATIONS

1. OBJECT

These regulations set forth the authorisations, notifications and other requirements for organising games between teams belonging to different members or between teams belonging to the same member but playing in a Third Country, or involving players or teams that are not affiliated to Members

2. SCOPE

These regulations apply to all International Games.

These regulations apply equally to 5 a side, 6 a side, 7 a side, 8 a side and Arena soccer.

3. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these regulations, the terms set out below are defined as follows:

Club Team: a team representing a club that is affiliated directly or indirectly to a Member

International Game: a game between two teams (either two National Teams, two club teams, two All-star teams, one national team and one club team, or a national team or club team and an All-Star team) belonging to different Members. Any competition that may include an International Game shall be subject to these regulations. For the purpose of authorisation, any game or competition played between two teams belonging to the same Member but in a Third Country shall be recognised as an International Game.

International (A) Game; a game arranged by two Members and for which both Members field their first National Team.

Member: a member federation of WMF

National Team: a team representing a member (men or women or youth)

All-Star team: a team consisting of players not registered to the same club or Member, and/or composed of players who are no longer duly registered with one of the Members as they have finished their football career as a professional and/or amateur player

Third Country: the territory of a Member upon which a game or competition is to be played and to which none of the teams participating in the game or competition is affiliated.

NB: Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa



4. GENERAL CONDITIONS

International Games may only be authorised by WMF in accordance with these regulations.

The Member on whose territory any International Game is played is responsible for all communications with regard to any other authorisation that are required from WMF.

Each team participating in an International Game shall verify before the game is played that the relevant bodies in accordance with these regulations have issued the required authorisation.

A Member shall inform the WMF about any game that was arranged and played on its territory and for which authorisation was either not sought or not given.

5. NAME OF THE INTERNATIONAL GAMES OR COMPETITIONS

The name used for games and competitions may not refer to the existing official names of any competition of WMF, its continents or Members.

The terms that may be used to define an International Game or competition are those that give an appropriate political and geographical description of the countries or territories of the Members whose teams are involved in the game or competition, and over whose countries or territories the Members shall have sole control and jurisdiction.

WMF reserves the right to approve all competition names.

6. DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Members shall draw up their own regulations governing International Games, which must comply fully with these regulations

Members must ensure that their own members respect these regulations as well as their own regulations.

The Member on whose territory an International Game will be played shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the applicable regulations. It shall be responsible for obtaining authorisation from WMF and the other Members concerned, if required.

Members must reply to any written request with regard to their National Teams or their affiliated clubs in relation to an authorisation request from WMF

7. AUTHORISATION

All International Games must be authorised by the Members to which the participating teams are affiliated and by the Member on whose territory the game is to take place. Games involving an All-star team must be authorised by the Members to which the players are affiliated.



All games involving a first National Team or All-Star team that require the authorisation of two Members must also be authorised by WMF

Games involving an All-Star Team may not be played without the approval of WMF and members concerned, and approval shall be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

The WMF Tournament Director, whose decision shall be final and binding, gives WMF's authorisation or WMF's refusal of authorisation.

An authorisation does not entail liability on the part of WMF, or any member if any legal claims subsequently arise.

8. INTERNATIONAL GAMES REQUIRING APPLICATION TO WMF FOR AUTHORISATION

For purpose of these regulations, International Game requiring an application to WMF shall mean all International Games involving National Teams, All-Star or club teams.

9. INTERNATIONAL GAMES REQUIRING NOTIFICATION TO WMF FOR AUTHORISATION

For purpose of these regulations, International Game requiring notification to WMF shall mean all International Games requiring the authorisation of WMF.

10. MEMBER APPLICATION/NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Each member must ensure that its members respect the following minimum requirements of the application procedure for participating in International Games or competitions either at home or abroad.

- a) The application/notification form
- b) The date by which the application must be submitted. The application date must be sufficient early to allow time for authorisation request to be submitted to WMF and Members concerned
- c) Potential sanctions for any infringements of these regulations and/or failure to comply with the Members application requirements.

The application form for hosting an International Game or competition shall require the following as a minimum:

- a) The name of the party responsible for promoting and staging the International Game or competition, such as a Member, a league or club affiliated to a Member:
- b) The name of the International Game or competition (if any) in compliance with art 5.
- c) A list of the teams participating in the International Games or competition
- d) The dates of the International Games or competition



- e) The name and country of the appointed game officials, in accordance with WMF International Lists of game officials.
- f) The International Game or competition regulations, including:
 - i. Competition format and schedule, if more than one game is involved
 - ii. Officiating provisions
 - iii. Disciplinary procedures
 - iv. Confirmation that the Game rules will be strictly observed
 - v. Player eligibility rules, and
 - vi. Anti-doping measures, if applicable
- g) The stadiums to be used, including evidence that the stadiums have been reserved and that they comply with the WMF regulations
- h) Player safety measures, including emergency medical plan
- i) Safety and security plan, including ticketing
- j) The colours of the teams and special attention to the ban on advertising on National Team uniforms.
- k) Information on the broadcasting of the game
- l) Any domestic law requirements

The Application form for participating in an International Game or competition on the territory of another Member shall require the following as a minimum:

- a) the name of the Member on whose territory the International Game or competition is to be played
- b) The name of the party responsible for promoting and staging the International Game or competition
- c) The list of the teams participating in the International Game or competition
- d) The date(s) of the International Game or competition
- e) The name and contact information of the head of the delegation, a natural person who shall be the person responsible for the official travel delegation of each team of the Member participating in the International Game or competition

The Notification form for hosting or participating in an International Game or competition on the territory of another Member shall require the following as a minimum:

- a) The name of the Member on whose territory the International Game or competition is to be played
- b) The name of the party responsible for promoting and staging the International Game or competition
- c) The list of the teams participating in the International Game or competition
- d) The date(s) of the International Game or competition
- e) The name and contact information of the head of delegation, a natural person who shall be the person responsible for the official travel delegation of each team of the Member participating in the International Game or competition



The Member on whose territory the International Game or competition is to be played may require that the party responsible for promoting and staging the International Game or competition enters into a written agreement.

11. WMF AUTHORISATION

The Member on whose territory the International Game shall submit a request or notification of authorisation from WMF or competition is planned at least two months before the earliest of the proposed dates for such game or competition. The authorisation request shall be on the official WMF form and shall include all required supporting documents. WMF will only consider fully completed applications. WMF may reject any application/notification that is either not filed in good time and/or incomplete. WMF may also replace the proposed appointed game officials at its sole discretion.

12. ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL "A" GAME

The WMF Tournament Director shall be notified of every International "A" Game, including friendly, but the Members organising them within 14 days of their being arranged. In any case, all additional notifications shall reach WMF at least 48 hours before the planned date of the game.

The members concerned and the teams participating in games for which no notification has been provided may be subjected to further disciplinary measures pursuant to these regulations

13. REPORTING

The Member on whose territory the game is played shall, within 15 days of each International "A" Game, notify the WMF Office of the result of the game, the last and first names of the game officials as well as roster forms of both teams.

14. SANCTIONS

Any violation of these regulations shall be sanctioned in accordance with the WMF disciplinary regulations

If an International Game is played on the territory of a Member without prior authorisation, that Member shall be sanctioned in accordance with the disciplinary regulations of WMF. In addition, the teams that participate in such a game and the Members to which those teams are affiliated shall be sanctioned in accordance with the disciplinary regulations of WMF.

16. ADOPTION AND ENFORCEMENT

These regulations were approved by the WMF Executive Committee on December 10, 2018 and come into force immediately.