

OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE (O-LEAGUE)
REGULATIONS

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Preamble

1. The OFC stages the OFC Champions League competition – the O League (hereafter the “Competition”) annually. The Competition is open to national league champions of all the OFC member associations.
2. OFC stages the Competition with the National Associations and participating clubs (hereinafter the Clubs).
3. Any rights associated with the Competition which is not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to a participating national association in the Competition belong to OFC.
4. The current OFC Statutes and all current OFC Regulations shall apply. Any reference in these regulations to the OFC Statutes refers to the Statutes valid at the time of application and to all relevant OFC regulations
5. The Regulations of the Competition (the Regulations) regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all national associations and Clubs taking part in the Competition. The Regulations and all guidelines and circulars issued by OFC are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the Competition.
6. The winners of the Competition undertake to take part in the following competitions:
 - a. Competitions or Matches arranged by OFC with other confederations
 - b. FIFA Club World Cup
7. Clubs are not authorised to represent OFC or the Competition without OFC’s prior written approval

Part 1 – Participating Teams

1. Entries

- a) Each club taking part in the Competition shall ensure, as a condition of its participation in the Competition that every member of its delegation(s) (players and officials) completes an entry form to be issued by OFC.
- b) The eligible clubs from each national association shall complete an official entry form in full and submit it through their respective national associations to the OFC General Secretariat not later than the entry deadline communicated by OFC. The name of the eligible club must appear on the form.
- c) Only the official entry form submitted to the OFC General Secretariat will be valid and taken into consideration. Entries sent by fax will be recorded, but for the entry to be confirmed, OFC must receive the fully completed original entry form.
- d) All decisions by the OFC Secretariat regarding entries are final and not subject to appeal.

2. Eligible Clubs

- a) Clubs that are nominated to participate in this competition must qualify from a recognised National League competition the format of which has been approved by OFC.
- b) This competition shall be divided into two parts:
 - a. Preliminary Stage
 - b. Final Stage
- c) National Associations whose club representative finished in the top 5 teams in the 2007 OFC League Champion namely, New Zealand (2 teams), Fiji, Tahiti, Solomon Islands have the right to nominate their club champion for the **Final Competition** of 2007/2008 OFC Champions League. (In respect of New Zealand who is entitled to enter two clubs the 2nd club representing them shall be the runner-up of the national league competition)
- d) National Associations whose club representative finished sixth in the 2007 OFC League Champion namely, New Caledonia together with the remaining OFC national associations who are not listed in paragraph 2. (c) above have the right to nominate their club champion for the **Preliminary Competition** for the 2007/2008 OFC Champions League.

- e) The national associations must notify OFC of the name of the club to represent them as follows:
 - i. For the Preliminary Stage by 31 May 2007
 - ii. For the Final Stage by 31 July 2007
- f) The winner of the Preliminary Stage will qualify to join the other five clubs nominated for Final Stage of the OFC Champions League.
- g) All nominated clubs are subject to the approval of the OFC Secretariat.

3. Duties and Obligation

- a) On entering the Competition, the National Association and Clubs shall automatically undertake:
 - (i) To observe the regulations, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by OFC as well as the applicable national and supra-national laws;
 - (ii) To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition shall be settled by OFC in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of the OFC Secretariat;
 - (iii) In their capacity as the home club, to make the appropriate arrangements for the staging of their matches, in conjunction with their national association and OFC, and in accordance with the stipulations of these regulations;
 - (iv) To field their strongest teams
 - (v) To accept all the arrangements made by the Host National Association/Club in agreement with OFC;
 - (vi) To observe the principles of Fair Play;
 - (vii) To be responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the entire competition, either at home or from their arrival in the host country until their departure
 - (viii) To pay for incidental expenses incurred by delegation members during the course of their stay in the host countries and for any costs incurred by additional members of the delegation other than those mentioned in these Regulations;
 - (ix) To apply for visas in good time from the host countries, if necessary;
 - (x) To attend media conferences and other official media activities organized by OFC in accordance with guidelines and/or instructions in circulars issued by OFC regarding, in particular, media access to teams;
 - (xi) To accept (and to secure its player's and officials' written acceptance prior to the Competition) the use and/or sub-license by OFC of any of the records, names and images of the national association (including its marks), clubs (including its marks) and its players and officials, including any still and moving representation thereof, which may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the national association and its players and officials in the Competition. OFC's right to use and/or sub-license such records, names and images of the national association (including its marks), clubs (including its marks) and its players and officials shall be exclusive in respect of, or in connection with, the filming, recording, broadcasting and any other form of transmission of the records, names, images and national association marks (including, but not limited to television, film images for broadcast or other transmission) in connection with the Competition. OFC's right to use and/or sub-license such records, names and images of the national association (including its marks), clubs (including its marks) and its players and officials, including any still and moving representation thereof which may appear or be generated in connection with the participation of the national association and its players and official in the Competition shall, other than as outlined above, be non-exclusive, and be limited to activities, which:
 - i. is associated with the participation of the national association, clubs, players and officials in the Competition;

- II. Do not directly promote, or directly cause the promotion of, any direct association between any national association, clubs, its players or officials and any third party other than OFC. Such rights may be used and/or sub-licensed by OFC in perpetuity in any medium known or hereinafter devised for any purpose, whether commercial or non-commercial.

All revenues generated by OFC from the specific exploitation of the rights to use and/or sub-license images of the national association's clubs and players, including any still and moving representation thereof, other than exploitation in connection with filming, recording, broadcasting and any other form of transmission, will be used by OFC for its humanitarian charitable activities and/or its football development activities (such as youth development programmes).

For the avoidance of doubt, the participating national associations, clubs, players and officials shall remain free to exploit their own proprietary rights (including intellectual property rights), which are unconnected with the Competition.

- (xiii) To comply with and implement the Ticketing Terms and Conditions and the Ticketing Policy as set forth by OFC and the National Host Association.

4. Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play and replacement

- a) Clubs that have entered shall play all competition matches.
- b) Clubs that withdraw from any stage of this competition after entering, or is disqualified, or fails to participate for any reason will be fined NZD\$20,000 and may be liable for further disciplinary action by the OFC Disciplinary Committee.
- c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) above, Clubs that withdraw from the final stage within 3 months before the start of the final competition will be fined NZD\$50,000 and may be liable for further disciplinary action by the OFC Disciplinary Committee.
- c) If a team does not report for a match – except in cases of force majeure recognized by the OFC Secretariat – or if it refuses to continue to play or leaves the stadium before the end of a match, the team shall be considered as having lost. The match and three points shall be awarded to its opponents with a score of 3-0 or more if, in the case of an abandoned match, the winning team has already reached a higher score at the time the guilty team leaves the field.
- d) The guilty team shall, as a general rule, be excluded from further participation in the Competition so that none of its matches will be deemed valid, unless the incidents mentioned in 4.c) above occurred at its last match. In addition, the guilty national association shall pay compensation for any damages or losses suffered by the other national association(s) and OFC. Furthermore, the guilty national association shall be disqualified from taking part in the next edition of the Competition and its qualifying competition.
- e) The OFC Secretariat shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in cases of force majeure.
- f) Depending on circumstances and the decision of the OFC Secretariat, any club which withdraws may be ordered to reimburse OFC and the host national association/club for any expenses the latter have already incurred as a result of their involvement in the Competition, and also pay compensation for any damages or losses suffered.
- g) If the circumstances of withdrawal are sufficiently serious, the OFC Disciplinary Committee may also take whatever additional action is appropriate under the terms of the OFC Disciplinary Code, including the right to suspend the club and/or national association concerned from subsequent editions of the Competition, or from any other OFC Competitions.
- h) The OFC Secretariat shall determine, in association with the OFC Executive/Emergency Committee, the damages and/or losses suffered upon receipt and review of a substantiated and documented request from the party or parties that claim to have suffered the damages or losses
- i) No appeals may be lodged against these decisions. Furthermore the guilty club and/or national association shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from OFC.

5. Size of Delegation Attending Matches

Each delegation arriving to playing in a match of this competition shall be made up of:

- (i) A maximum of eighteen (18) players, and
- (ii) A maximum of six (6) officials (of which OFC will only pay airfares of (3) officials)

6. Eligibility of players

- a) A player is eligible to play in the Competition provided he fulfils all the following conditions:
 - (i) He is duly registered by the national association concerned according to its own rules and those of FIFA (*FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players*)
 - (ii) He is only eligible to play for a club affiliated to the national association concerned
 - (iii) He is duly registered with the OFC by the national association according to the provisions of these regulations
- b) All players who participate in this Competition must produce their individual passports issued by the competent authorities of their country as proof of their identity.
- c) All players must possess in addition to their passports to be eligible to play in this Competition certified copies of the certificate of registration to the club signed by the President of the club with the official seal of the club. This certificate must also have the signature of the General Secretary of the national association of the club together with the seal of the national association.
- d) The OFC Secretariat shall carry out a check of the documents listed in **b)** and **c)** above immediately after the closure of the registration deadline. Players with missing documents will not be eligible for registration. All eligible players will be issued with official accreditation cards authorized by OFC. Should the card have been misplaced, the club shall be required to pay a NZ\$500 production fee for every card lost, to replace it.
- e) Any club found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match. Victory and the resultant three (3) points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3-0, or greater, depending on the score of the match. In such instances, the opposing team shall retain the goals scored in the match but will have the goals against nullified. The guilty team, its officials and players will have their medals stripped and if qualification has been made to the FIFA Club World Cup 2007, the qualification will be annulled. The guilty Member Association, its officials, and team officials shall also be subject to further fines and sanctions as determined by the OFC Disciplinary Committee of OFC Executive Committee.
- g) A player is only eligible to play for one single club in the Competition.

7. Stages of Registration of Players for Final Stage

There are three stages of player's registration:

- (i) Team Registration to determine squad of 30 players.
- (ii) Match Day Registrations to specify which 18 players from the squad of 30 players are registered for a specific match day.
- (iii) Start List to identify the starting eleven (11) and seven (7) substitute players.

8. Team Registration of Players

- a) For the Final Stage, each national association entering the Competition shall send to the OFC general Secretariat a Squad List of no more than 30 players for the Competition by 1 October 2007. This list shall show each player's last name, first name, club, date of birth and passport number as well as the coach's last name, first name, date of birth and nationality. Once the Squad List has been received by the OFC, no player may be replaced or substituted (including goalkeepers) during the entire competition.
- b) Clubs must register at least three (3) goalkeepers in their Squad List of 30 players.
- c) Players are registered by means of Squad List which is to be signed by the club and national association, and completed as follows:
 - (i) The club submits its original Squad List, duly completed and signed, to its national association for validation;

- (ii) The national association forwards these Squad Lists to the OFC Secretariat by the deadlines set and communicated by OFC;
 - (iii) Subsequently, the national association faxes (fax receipt date counts) any changes to the Squad List to the OFC Secretariat as per the set deadlines
- d) All registrations must be filed by the deadline of the registration windows. Late registrations will be accepted up to five business days after this date with a fine of which OFC may impose a NZ\$ 2,000 (Two Thousand New Zealand Dollars)
 - e) Any Club that does not submit their registration by the end of this period will be fined an additional NZ\$2000 (Two Thousand New Zealand Dollars) and if the registration is not filed within 7 days could be disqualified from the competition. In this situation, the Club will be deemed to have lost all their matches by a score of 3-0.
 - f) Only the 30 players registered by 1 October 2007 shall be entitled to play for the duration of the O League Competition. Any player that maybe transferred into a team after 1 October 2007 will not be able to participate in the O league competition.

9. Match Day Registration

- a) Both participating clubs must submit their Match Day Registration of eighteen (18) players from the relevant Squad List and three (3) officials no later than 30 days before the date of the first match of that round of matches.
- b) As part of the format of the competition the travelling team is required to play two away matches in one round as part of one single travel itinerary. All travelling teams are to maintain the same player list of 18 players and 3 officials for both away matches. Airlines tickets will be issued in the names submitted in para 9 (a) above.
- c) All registrations must be filed by the deadline in para 9 (a). Late registrations will be accepted up to five business days after this date with a fine of which OFC may impose a NZ\$ 2,000 (Two Thousand New Zealand Dollars)
- d) Any Club that does not submit their registration by the end of this period will be fined an additional NZ\$2000 (Two Thousand New Zealand Dollars)and if the registration is not filed within 7 days could be disqualified from the competition. In this situation, the Club will be deemed to have lost all their matches by a score of 3-0.
- e) Players listed in the Match Day Registration submitted pursuant to paragraph 9(a) above can be substituted by the Club at least 7 days before the date of the first match of that round of matches. The Club shall then immediately nominate the substitute from the relevant Squad List and inform the OFC Secretariat accordingly. The club will pay all the costs of the amendment of airline ticket and/or the cost of an additional ticket to replace the substituted player and all payments must be made before the substituted player(s) travels.
- f) Any player that is substituted within the 7 days before the date of the first match of that round of matches will pay a fine of NZ\$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) per player that is substituted. The club will pay all the costs of the amendment of airline ticket and/or the cost of an additional ticket to replace the substituted player and all payments must be made before the substituted player(s) travels.

10. Match Starting List

- a) Before each match in the Competition, each team will receive a "Match Starting List" on which the numbers, full names, of the eighteen (18) players in the squad must be entered, together with the full names of the officials seated on the substitutes' bench.
- b) The Match Starting List must be properly completed in block capitals, and signed by the Team Manager. The eleven (11) first-named players must commence the match. The other seven (7) are designated as substitutes. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the Match Starting List. The goalkeepers and team captain must be identified.
- c) Both teams must hand their Match Starting List to the OFC Delegate at least sixty (60) minutes before kick-off.
- d) If the Match Starting List is not completed and returned in time, the matter will be submitted to the OFC Disciplinary Committee.

- e) After the Match Starting List has been completed and signed by both teams and returned to the OFC Delegate, and if the match has not yet kicked-off, the following instructions apply:
- (i) If any of the eleven (11) players listed on the Match Starting List selected to start the match are not able to start the match for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the seven (7) substitutes. Such replacements will reduce the quota of substitute players accordingly. During the match, three players may still be replaced.
 - (ii) If any of the seven (7) substitutes listed on the Match Starting List are not able to be fielded for any reason, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute players will be reduced accordingly.
 - (iii) If a goalkeeper listed on the Match Starting List, is not able to be fielded for any reason, he may be replaced by another goalkeeper or player listed on the Match Starting List.

11. Team Bench

Only six (6) team officials and seven (7) substitutes are allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench. The names of all these persons and their functions must be listed on the Match Starting List.

12. Substitution of Players

- a) Not more than three (3) players may be substituted during a match from the remaining reserve players who must be declared before the start of each match.
- b) Any player so substituted cannot re-enter the match.

13. Players cautioned or dismissed from the field of play

- a) A player who receives two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the next match. This will apply for all the stages of the Competition.
- b) Single yellow cards received in one stage of the Competition will not be carried forward to the next stage.
- c) A player who receives an expulsion (a red card) during the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the next match, or for a longer period as decided by the OFC Disciplinary Committee. This will be carried forward to the next edition of the Competition.
- d) A player or official expelled from the field of play by a referee shall remain suspended from further play until his case has been decided by the OFC Disciplinary Committee.
- e) A suspended player or official shall not be allowed in the substitution bench area.
- f) In accordance with the OFC Disciplinary Code the following constitutes misconduct by a Club and are sanctioned by a maximum fine of NZD\$500:
 - (i) When four (4) or more players are cautioned during one match;
 - (ii) When three (3) players are sent off during one match;
 - (iii) When several players together make threats (cf. Art. 57) or show force (cf. Art. 58) against a match official.
 - (iv) When determining the amount of the fine, the type of competition shall be taken into account.
- g) If there are fewer than seven players on the field on either team, the match will be abandoned. In this case, the OFC Disciplinary Committee will take appropriate action.

14. Violence by players and/or officials

Any player or official reported for indiscipline or violent conduct anywhere in the stadium including but not limited to the field of play, the changing rooms, at the training sites and in the hotels by the referee or the OFC Delegate shall be dealt with by the OFC Disciplinary Committee in accordance with these Regulations and the OFC Statutes.

15. Press Conferences

If possible the participating clubs should hold a pre-match press conference at least one day before the match.

16. Sleeve Patches

Each participating club shall, for each Competition match in which it participates, allow space on the sleeves of the players' uniforms available (or such other part of the player uniforms as OFC may determine) to affix to the relevant match identifier in a form, manner and position to be determined by OFC as below:

- (i) OFC Champions League Logo sleeve patch on the right
- (ii) OFC Fair Play Logo or OFC Foundation Logo on the left

17. Official Competition Apparel Sponsor

- a) OFC reserves the right to direct all participating teams to wear as its playing strip for this competition the official apparel sponsor for this competition.
- b) If OFC exercises this right then all participating teams will be supplied with official apparel of the sponsor to be worn during this competition during all official matches, all training sessions, all official events and all media conferences and events.
- c) If any participating team refuses to wear the official apparel under 17 (b) above they will not be able to participate Competition.
- d) If any team breaches the requirements under 17 (b) above they may face disciplinary sanction from the OFC Disciplinary Committee or be disqualified from the competition.
- e) The official designation and/or the logo of the Competition shall be printed or affixed to the equipment in accordance with OFC's instructions and the applicable graphic standards.

18. Club colours and numbers on each team outfits

- a) Subject to Article 17(a) above each club shall wear its official colours according to the entry forms sent to the OFC General Secretariat. These outfits shall be taken to every match of the competition.
- b) In addition to the official outfit, each club shall have a reserve outfit (reserve colours), which shall also be declared on the entry forms. The colours of the reserve outfit (shirt, shorts and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colours of the official outfit (shirts, shorts and socks). The reserve outfit shall also be taken to every match.
- c) If, in the opinion of the referee or the OFC Delegate, the colours worn by two opposing clubs might cause confusion or prove unsuitable for television broadcasts, they shall be modified, the host club shall be entitled to wear its official outfit and the visiting team shall use its reserve outfit or, if necessary, a combination of the official and the reserve outfit.
- d) The goalkeepers shall wear colours contrasting with those of the two clubs and the referee.
- e) If thermal shorts and a under shirt are used, they shall be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts or shirt respectively.
- f) Throughout the Competition, each player shall wear the number allotted to him on the Squad List from 1 to 30. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the outfits (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers. This applies especially in the case of striped shirts. A plain coloured background (either entirely light or dark, depending on the colour of the numbers) affords better legibility.

These numbers shall be between 25cm and 35cm in height in the centre of the back of the shirt, between 10cm and 15cm in height on the front of the shirt in any position at chest level, and between 10cm and 15cm in height in any position on the front of either leg of the shorts. None of the numbers may contain advertising, design features or other elements.

- g) The Player's last name or popular name (or abbreviation), not exceeding 7.5cm in height, shall be affixed above the number on the back of the shirt and shall be clearly legible. The lettering shall be in capitals and contain no advertising, design features or other elements. The colour of the players' names shall contrast clearly with the outfits (light on dark or vice versa) and be legible from a distance for spectators in the stadium and television viewers. This

applies especially in the case of striped shirts. A plain coloured background (either entirely light or dark, depending on the colour of the letters) affords better legibility.

19. Advertising on sports equipment and other material

- a) With the exception of the manufacturer's trademark and shirt advertising no kind of identification of sponsors or any other third party or slogans of a political, commercial, religious or racist nature or any other slogans are permitted on any garments or equipment of players and goalkeepers (shirts, vests, shorts, thermal shorts, gloves, caps, underwear etc.) in the entire pitch area
- b) Furthermore, no recognition of the above mentioned nature is allowed to be visible, in any manner on the body of players and goalkeepers, on other team's officials or elsewhere. If a national association and/or its player fail to comply with the above regulations, they will be liable to sanctions by the OFC Disciplinary Committee.

20. Shirt and Short Sponsor

- a) OFC reserves the right to impose on all participating teams the right to put one of OFC commercial partners as the shirt or short sponsor of all playing strips of all participating teams. The shirt sponsor will be placed in accordance with paragraph (c) below.
- b) If Teams refuse to comply with paragraph 20(a) above they will not be able to participate at this Competition.
- c) The regulations relating to shirt or short sponsor size shall apply:
 - (i) The advertising of tobacco or strong alcoholic beverages, as well as slogans of political, religious or racist in nature, or for other causes that offend common decency, are prohibited.
 - (ii) The form of sponsor or product advertising is unrestricted, but is allowed only on the front of the shirt or short, in either of the positions:
 - Horizontally in the centre across the chest, or
 - Vertically on the right or left side of the torso
 - On back or front of the either of the short leg
 - (iv) The surface area used to advertise a sponsor or product shall not exceed 200 cm² (two hundred square cm). Any lettering used shall not exceed 10 cm in height. Lettering can be in any colour but shall be free of advertising, design features or other elements.
- d) In accordance with Article 12.2 b of FIFA regulations for the FIFA World Club "the advertisement displayed during the FIFA Club World Cup Japan corresponds to the advertisement displayed on the players' shirts throughout the past season in the Club's domestic league and/or throughout the international club competition which enabled the Club to qualify for the FIFA Club World Cup Japan"

21. Manufacturer identification on club shirts

- a) The manufacturer's authorised trademark may be used only once as a graphic logo or name, or graphic logo and name combined (in accordance with the OFC Equipment Regulations), and shall not exceed the following measurements:
 - (i) Shirt: 20cm² (on the chest)
 - (ii) Shorts: 12cm² (on either leg)
 - (iii) Socks: 12cm² (between the ankle and the top edge)
 - (iv) Thermal shorts: 12cm²
 - (v) Goalkeeper's gloves: 20cm² (a "design mark" or a "word mark", or a "design mark" and a "word mark" combined, measuring a maximum of 20cm² on each of the goalkeeper's gloves)
 - (vi) Wristbands: 12cm²
 - (vii) Track suit jacket: 20cm²
 - (viii) Track suit shorts/trousers: 20cm²
 - (ix) Warm-up bibs: 20 cm²
 - (x) Caps: 25 cm²

- b) The club emblem may also be worn as a badge on the shirt, shorts and each sock but may not exceed 100cm² on the shirt, 50cm² on the shorts and 25cm² on each sock or feature any advertising or other element
- c) The emblem or name (or abbreviation) of the club may also be displayed on the shirt and/or shorts in jacquard weave provided that the colour is similar to that of the shirt or shorts into which it is woven and that it does not prevent the kit from being easily distinguished from the opposing team's kit. It is not compulsory for the emblem or name (or abbreviation) on the shirt to appear in jacquard weave but it may also be printed or affixed in a similar manner provided that it does not predominate and prevent the kit from being easily distinguished from the opposing team's kit.
- d) The official designation and/or the logo of the Competition shall be printed or affixed to the equipment in accordance with OFC's instructions and the applicable graphic standards.

22. Kit approval procedure

- a) The players' kit and advertising by the club sponsor and manufacturer's identification must be approved by the OFC Secretariat. Clubs must therefore submit samples of their first and reserve choice outfits (shirt, shorts and socks) to the OFC Secretariat by the date to be announced. In addition, clubs may be required to present samples at the OFC Champions League workshop.
- b) The participating clubs shall send to OFC a sample of the official and reserve outfits (shirt, shorts, socks and goalkeepers kit etc.), warm-up bibs, ball-bags for approval as well as the goalkeepers' gloves and cap intended for use during the competition.

23. Advertising on other kit items

- a) Any and all form of advertising or commercial identification on any garments or equipment other than in accordance with these Regulations (including on T-shirts, track suits, jackets, wristbands etc.) or on other material and/or accessories (kit bags, beverage containers, plastic bottles, medical bags etc.) belonging to players, goalkeepers, team officials etc. is strictly prohibited inside the stadium and during all official OFC press conferences.
- b) All items to be used by a club in the entire pitch area shall be subjected to OFC's prior approval in accordance with the procedure set forth by OFC.
- c) The OFC Delegate has the right and duty to check kit items at the match venue. He is entitled to send such items to the OFC Secretariat for further control after the match.

24. Sanctions

Any breach of the aforementioned provisions of the OFC Kit Regulations will be punished by the OFC Disciplinary Committee. OFC reserves its right to claim damages in this respect.

25. Responsibility

The OFC Secretariat takes final decisions regarding the approval of kits and other items mentioned in these regulations. OFC declines all responsibility and authority in the event of conflicts arising from contracts between a club and its sponsor on account of the advertising provisions of these regulations

26. Marketing Rights of Participating Clubs

- a) A National Association, a Participating Club and its players have no marketing rights of any nature in connection with the Competition. Any commercial activity of a national association, a participating club, players and officials associated with or related to Competition requires OFC's prior written approval.
- b) All National Associations and Participating Clubs in the Competition shall take all legal and other measures OFC deems appropriate to ensure and protect the ownership of the Commercial Rights as well as the rights themselves.

Part II – Technical Regulations

27. Technical rules for the Competition:

- a) The Competition shall consist of two stages;

- (i) Preliminary Stage
- (ii) Final stage with a Group Phase and finals

- b) The OFC Secretariat forms groups and/or sub-groups for the Competition whilst taking sports, geographic and economic factors into consideration, as far as possible.

27.1 Preliminary Stage

- a) **The Preliminary stage will be played in one group, as a round robin tournament based on a league system, with three points awarded for a win, one point for a draw, no points for a defeat (league system);**
- b) National Associations whose club representative finished sixth in the 2007 OFC League Champion namely, New Caledonia together with the remaining OFC national associations who are not listed in Article 2. (c) above have the right to nominate their club champion for the Preliminary Stage for the 2007/2008 OFC Champions League
- c) The winner will be advanced to the final stage.
- d) The Host of the Preliminary Stage competition will be nominated by the OFC Executive Committee each year.

27.2 Final Stage

The Final stage consists of a Group Phase and the O League final

Group Phase

- a) National Associations whose club representative finished in the top 5 teams in the 2007 OFC League Champion namely, New Zealand (2 teams), Fiji, Tahiti, Solomon Islands have the right to nominate their club champion for the Final Stage of 2007/2008 OFC Champions League. (In respect of New Zealand who is entitled to enter two clubs the 2nd club representing them shall be the runner-up of the national league competition)
- b) The winner of the Preliminary Stage will join the other 5 teams that have qualified for the Group Stage under 27.1 (c) above.
- c) The 6 teams taking part in the Competition have been drawn by lots into 2 groups of 3 teams each. The OFC Secretariat shall divide the teams into groups, whilst taking sports, geographic and economic factors into consideration, as far as possible. The teams in each group will play each other in the group on a home and away with three points awarded for a win, one point for a draw, no points for a defeat (league system);
- d) If possible, the last two matches in each group shall be scheduled to take place at the same time on the same day.
- e) The team coming first in each group qualifies for the OFC Champions League Final.

The O League Final

- f) The O League Final will involve the two group winners in the group stage and shall be played home and away
- g) The OFC Secretariat shall draw lots, with the first drawn Club playing the first match at home
- h) Both teams shall play one home and one away match each, the sequence of which will be determined by lots drawn by the OFC Secretariat. The team having scored most goals in both games will be the OFC Champions League champion. If both teams score the same number of goals in both matches, the goals scored away will be counted as double. If the same number of goals is scored away or both matches end without any goals being scored, extra time shall be played after the second match. If no goal is scored during these periods of extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner.
- i) The O League Final will be played on the dates listed on the match schedule which will be transmitted from OFC by circular in good time

28. Determination of final rankings in the group phase

In the league system the ranking in each group is determined as follows:

- (i) Greater number of points obtained in all group matches;

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above criterion, their place shall be determined as follows:

- (ii) Greater number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- (iii) Goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- (iv) Greater number of goals scored in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- (v) Goal difference in all the group matches;
- (vi) Greater number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- (vii) Kicks from the penalty mark (only if the two teams are involved and they are both on the field of play);
- (viii) Drawing of lots

29. Matches played in accordance with the Laws of the Game

- a) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.
- b) In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version is authoritative.
- c) Only three of the substitutes listed on the Match Starting List may take part in the match. A player who has been substituted may take no further part in the match
- d) If there are fewer than seven players on either of the teams, the match will be abandoned. In this case, the OFC Disciplinary Committee decides on the consequences.

30. Duration of matches

Each match shall last 90 minutes, comprising two periods of 45 minutes, with an interval of 15 minutes in between from the whistle ending the first period to the whistle starting the second period.

31. Clocks

Clocks in the stadium showing the length of time played may run during the match, provided that they are stopped at the end of normal playing time in each half, i.e. after forty-five (45) and ninety (90) minutes respectively. This stipulation shall also apply if extra time is played (i.e. after fifteen (15) minutes of each half)

32. Extra Time

If, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, extra time shall be played as the result of a draw at the end of normal playing time, it shall always consists of two periods of 15 minutes each, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.

33. Away Goals

For matches played in the O League Final series , if the two teams involved in a tie score the same number of goals over the two legs, the team which scores more away goals (the away goal scored will be counted as double) will be declared the winner. If this procedure does not produce a result, extra time shall be played according to the provisions of these regulations.

34. Determining winner by penalty kicks

If the results are still a draw in extra time (Art 32), penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.

35. Abandonment of Matches

- a) If, through force majeure, a match is abandoned and therefore cannot be played in its entirety, the OFC Secretariat shall decide whether the match result at the time of abandonment is valid or whether a replay shall be organized, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account.

- b) If a match of the Competition is interrupted before the completion of normal playing time or during any extra time because of extreme weather or for reasons outside the control of the National Association, a repeat match lasting 90 minutes shall be arranged for the following day. If it is still impossible to play the match the next day for various reasons, the match is postponed to a later date.

36. Cancellation of Matches

- a) If, through force majeure, a match is cancelled before the start of the match, the OFC Secretariat shall decide whether the match can be rescheduled, taking sporting and organizational considerations into account, or whether any other action and decision is needed to continue with the Competition. Any disciplinary sanctions resulting from the cancelled match shall remain in force.
- b) A match may not be cancelled for sports technical reasons or on account of the venue or the weather, without first being delayed for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes, and if postponed, every effort should be made to reschedule the match for the following day. If it is still impossible to play the match the next day for the same reasons, the match is postponed to a later date.
- c) No appeals may be lodged against decisions stated in 35a) and 35b)

37. Dates of the Competition

- a) All matches are played according to the OFC Champions League Calendar as set by the OFC Secretariat. The dates are final and binding on all concerned. The following principles apply to this competition:
 - (i) Where possible matches are to be played on Wednesdays or Thursdays and Saturdays or Sundays;
 - (ii) On the basis of the draw and flight schedules, the OFC Secretariat decides which OFC Champions League matches are to be played on the respective day
- b) The OFC Secretariat shall ensure where possible that matches in the same group are played simultaneously when the situation demands this for sporting reasons.

38. Venues

- a) The venues of the matches in the Competition shall be fixed by the National Host Association/Club concerned. Their opponents and the OFC General Secretariat shall be notified by the National Host Association/Club upon entry to the competition. OFC will inspect the proposed venue and will confirm to the National Associations and Clubs concerned. If the national associations/clubs cannot agree on the venues for the matches in the Competition, the OFC Secretariat shall make the final decision.
- b) The National Host Association/Club shall ensure that the stadium(s) and facilities in which the matches takes place comply with the safety and security standard and other OFC guidelines and instructions for international matches period. The field of play, accessories equipment and facilities shall be in good condition and comply with the Laws of Game.
- c) If the National Host Association/Club considers the pitch unfit for play, the OFC General Secretariat shall be informed immediately, as well as the visiting national association and the match officials before their departure. If the National Host Association or Club fails to do this, it will be obliged to cover all of the expenses incurred for travel, board and lodging of the parties involved.
- d) If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the pitch once the visiting Club has already left to play the match, the referee shall decide on the pitch whether it is playable or not. If the referee declares the pitch unplayable, the procedure to be followed is described in paragraph 35 b) above.
- e) For the Final Stage the club must play all its home matches in the Competition at one and the same ground unless forced to do so otherwise because of circumstances beyond its control.
- f) Matches may be played either on the ground in the same city or town within the territory of its national association or if so decided by OFC in the territory of another OFC member association. In the latter two cases the national associations of the clubs considered the home clubs must organize the match in cooperation with the national

associations concerned. The national associations of the clubs considered the home clubs being accountable in the light of the provisions of this article.

- g) The teams shall be entitled to warm up on the pitch before the match, weather permitting.
- h) A doping control room is to be made available at all times at the venue, equipped with facilities below:
 - (i) 1 table with 4 chairs
 - (ii) Attached bathroom and toilet equipped with washbasin, mirror, and shower
 - (iii) A refrigerator equipped with non-alcoholic drinks in cans or bottles

39. Floodlights

The matches may be played in daylight or under floodlight. Matches played at night may be played only at venues where the floodlighting installations meet the minimum lighting requirements laid down by OFC in the relevant regulations and/or guidelines. The guidelines state that, in the case of matches played at night, the whole pitch shall be evenly lit to at least 600 lux.

An emergency power generator shall also be available which, in the event of a power failure, guarantees at least two-thirds of the aforementioned intensity of light for the whole pitch. The OFC Secretariat is entitled to grant exceptions, which shall be final.

40. Natural Turf

As a general rule, all Competition matches may only be played on natural turf. If a playing field is not available in natural turf with the prescribed dimensions, matches in the Competition may, by way of exception, be played on artificial turf that meets recognized FIFA standards and in accordance with the FIFA Quality Concept. Permission for such an exception shall be requested from OFC at least two (2) months prior to the match.

41. Field of Play Dimensions

All matches of the Competition may only be played on pitches with the following minimum/maximum dimensions:

Minimum Length: 100 meters (110 yards)

Maximum Length: 110 meters (120 yards)

Minimum Width: 64 meters (70 yards)

Maximum Width: 75 meters (80 yards)

42. Kick-off Times

- a) The host association shall inform its opponents and the OFC General Secretariat of the kick-off times for all home matches upon entry to the competition.
- b) In principle, the fixtures within a group on the last match day must be played simultaneously. The OFC Secretariat is authorised to fix the kick-off times.

43. Training sessions at the Venue

Depending on the weather, the teams will be entitled to a training session in the stadium where they are due to play on the day before their match. If the pitch is not in good condition, the OFC delegate may direct the teams only to inspect the pitch wearing training shoes. OFC Media regulations may apply and will be communicated to the participating teams separately.

44. Alternative Venues

If, at any time during the Competition, the OFC General Secretariat deems that, for whatever reason, some venues may not be fit for staging a match; OFC may consult with the associations and clubs concerned and ask them to propose an alternative venue, in accordance with the standards required by OFC. Should such an association and club not be able to propose an acceptable alternative venue within the deadline set by the OFC Secretariat, OFC will select an alternative neutral venue and make all the necessary arrangements for the staging of the match with the relevant association and local authorities. In both cases, the costs of staging the match shall be borne by the home club. The OFC Secretariat shall take a final decision the match venue and take any such decision in due time.

45. Official Training Sites

- a) Official training sites in good condition and situated near the teams' headquarters in each venue shall be made available to every team at least two (2) full days prior to each match in the Competition and must be declared upon entry to the competition.
- b) The teams participating in the Competition shall use only those training sites, which have been officially designated for training by the National Host Association/Club and approved by OFC.
- c) These official training sites are reserved for training and practice matches and shall not be used for other matches and events as from two (2) days prior to day of every match.

46. Footballs

- a) The footballs chosen for the Competition shall conform to the Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three quality standard designations licensed by FIFA:
"FIFA APPROVED",
"FIFA INSPECTED" or
"INTERNATIONAL MATCH BALL STANDARD"
- b) Pursuant to the Laws of the Game, the manufacturer's authorised trademark (as a graphic logo or a name, or a graphic logo and name combined) may only be used once provided the size of the trademark does not exceed 50cm². The name of the football may be displayed and shall not exceed 50 cm²
- c) The footballs for the Competition shall be selected and supplied by OFC as follows:
 - (i) Each team will be provided 5 match balls for training.
 - (ii) Host will be provided 5 match balls for each match.
 - (iii) Visiting teams are required to bring their balls provided by OFC with them on away trips.

Part III - OFC Match Officials**47. OFC Delegate**

- a) An OFC delegate may be appointed for each match of the Competition who will be solely responsible for all aspects of the match organization.
- b) The OFC delegate officiating at the match shall be appointed by the OFC Secretariat.
- c) The OFC delegate must complete the Match Commissioner's Report together with the OFC Match Data Sheet including the results and cases of cautions, expulsions and serious incidents (if any) and transmit them with a copy of the Player's Start List to the OFC Secretariat immediately after each match.

48. Referee Inspectors

- a) A Referee Inspector may be appointed for matches of the Competition by the OFC Referees Committee
- b) The Referee Inspector chosen for the matches of the Competition shall not come from a national association of the appointed referee, assistant referees, fourth official.
- c) The Referee Inspector must complete the Referee Assessment Form and return it to the OFC Secretariat within twenty-four (24) hours after each match.

49. Referees, assistant referees, fourth officials

- a) For the Preliminary stage, match officials will be appointed for each match of the Competition by the OFC Referees Committee.

For the Final stage, **the match referee and the first assistant referees will be appointed for each match by the OFC Referees Committee** and where possible will come from a national association whose team is not included in the matches. Notwithstanding the OFC Referees Committee may appoint assistant referees from the national associations of the respective teams in the match. **The second assistant referee and the fourth official will be appointed from the host association.**

- b) For the Finals, the referees and two assistant referees and fourth official chosen for the matches of the Competition shall come from a national association whose team is not included in the matches in question. They shall be selected from the current FIFA International list or OFC Referees List.
- c) Referees and assistant referees and fourth official must arrive at the venue the day before the match.
- d) If the referee and/or assistant referees do not arrive at the match venue by the evening before the game, the OFC Secretariat and both clubs must be informed immediately. The OFC Referees Committee will take the appropriate decisions. If the Referees Committee decides to replace the referee and/or assistant referees and/or fourth official, such a decision shall be final, and no protests against the person or nationality of the referee and/or assistant referees and/or fourth official are allowed.
- e) If the referee or one of his assistants is prevented from carrying out his duties before or during a match as a result of injury, indisposition etc., he shall be replaced by the fourth official.
- f) After each match the referee shall fill in an official OFC Referee's Report Form and immediately after the match the Referee shall:
 - (i) Send their reports to the OFC General Secretariat by fax, and
 - (ii) Hand them over to the OFC Delegate or the OFC General Coordinator.
- g) On the OFC Referees Report Form, the referee shall note all occurrences before, during, and after the match in as much detail as possible, such as:
 - (i) Misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion;
 - (ii) Unsporting behaviour of officials, supporters and any person acting on behalf of a national association at a match;
 - (iii) Any other incidents.
- h) The referees, assistant referees and fourth officials receive their official refereeing outfits and equipment from OFC. They shall wear only these outfits and equipment on match days. Regarding the referees unregistered in OFC data base, who didn't receive any equipment, their National Associations shall provide them the official equipment and outfits.
- i) At the end of the two periods of normal playing time (45 and 90 minutes), the referee shall indicate to the fourth official, either orally or by gesturing with this hands, the number of minutes that he has decided to allow for time lost. This applies also to the two periods of 15 minutes of extra time. Each allowance for lost time shall be shown on the panels or electronic display of the fourth official.
- j) Panels or electronic display boards, numbered on both sides for clarity, shall be used to indicate
 - (i) The substitution of players;
 - (ii) The number of minutes to be allowed for lost time in accordance 55 i) above
- k) If there are fewer than seven players on the field on either team, the match will be abandoned. In this case, the OFC Disciplinary Committee will take appropriate action.

50. OFC General Coordinator

Where required, OFC will appoint a General Coordinator as deemed necessary.

51. Other OFC Officials

The OFC may appoint other officials to any match in the Competition all of whom, when appointed, in conjunction with the OFC delegate, Referee Inspector, Referee, Assistant Referees and Fourth Official form the OFC Match Officials

52. Insurance of Match Officials

OFC shall provide must provide insurance coverage of OFC delegates, referees inspector, referees, assistant referees, fourth official and other OFC officials from the time of their departure from home till they return home.

Part IV- Organisation

53. Organisation of OFC

In accordance with the OFC Statutes:

- (i) The Executive Committee is OFC's executive body;
- (ii) The OFC Secretariat is responsible for the organisation of the Competition in accordance with all OFC regulations;
- (iii) The OFC Secretariat is, in conjunction with the Host National Association/Club, responsible for the operation and organisation of the Competition in accordance with the guidelines of the OFC Secretariat;
- (iv) The OFC Disciplinary Committee has the responsibility to enforce disciplinary measures, which may be in the form of caution, censure, fine and/or suspension.
- (v) OFC and the Host National Association/Club shall undertake to comply with these regulations, the List of Requirements, all applicable OFC regulations, guidelines and circulars as well as the applicable national and supra-national laws.
- (vi) The OFC Referees Committee has the responsibilities set forth in its list of duties.

54. Host Responsibilities

The Host National association/Club must provide the following to the visiting team two (2) days before, on and the day after the match: (or longer if flight schedules dictate)

- (i) Internal transportation for training and matches
- (ii) Adequate Training Grounds
- (iii) Water and ice for the teams during the match day and official training
- (iv) Ensure that the visiting teams are assigned a liaison officer proficient in English and/or the language of the visiting club for the duration of their stay (including during arrival and departure to facilitate transport, immigration, and customs and checking-in matters).

55. Security and Safety

- a) The Host Club / National Association and the relevant government authorities are responsible for devising, planning and implementing adequate security and safety for the Competition at every relevant location which shall cover for all relevant persons at all times, including but not limited to the following:
 - (i) All participating players and officials
 - (ii) OFC match officials
 - (iii) Referees
 - (iv) Media
 - (v) Commercial Partners
 - (vi) Fans and spectators
- b) A suitable security plan shall be issued in the form of a binding declaration on all parties involved and shall include but not be limited to the stadiums and its vicinity, the training grounds and also hotels of teams, referees and officials.
- c) The Host Club /National Association shall be subject to disciplinary measures if adequate security arrangements are not provided. Sanctions may include fines and suspensions.
- d) No spectators are allowed in the area between the stands and the touch-line or goal-line.

56. Indemnity

- a) The Host Club /National Association shall discharge OFC from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against OFC and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation and course of the Competition to the exclusion of damages caused by OFC or the members of its delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.
- b) The Host Club /National Association shall exempt (indemnify and hold harmless) OFC from all third party claims for damages relating to match organisation, regardless of whether individual matches in question take place or not.

57. National Host Association/Club

The National Host Association/Club shall conclude the contracts required for organising matches in its own name and for its own account. The same provision shall apply to agreements concluded with government authorities.

58. Insurance

- a) The National Host Association/Club hosting matches must conclude the necessary insurance policies with a reputable insurance company, including but not limited to third-party liability. Such insurance must involve an appropriate guaranteed sum for injury and damage to persons, objects and property, and correspond to the specific circumstances of the associations concerned. Likewise, the policies must fully cover all risks connected with the staging of the Competition and exempt OFC from all claims and liability.
- b) For the Competition the National Host Association/Club should conclude the following insurance coverage on the basis of a general agreement:
- (i) Third-party liability insurance
 - (ii) Insurance against liability for pecuniary loss
 - (iii) Accident insurance
 - (iv) Legal expenses insurance
 - (v) Travel luggage insurance
 - (vi) Spectator insurance
 - (vii) Electronic equipment insurance
 - (viii) Robbery insurance
 - (ix) Fidelity insurance
 - (x) Cup insurance
 - (xi) Event cancellation insurance
- c) The remaining risks of the National Host Association/Club must be covered by the association itself, at its own expense, by means of additional insurance contracts. OFC must be notified of such additional insurance coverage, and may request copies of the policies concerned.
- d) The National Host Association/Club is solely responsible for the insurance coverage of the stadiums and of the venues, and must release OFC of any liability whatsoever in this respect. A release of liability must be signed and returned to OFC at least one month before the Competition. If such an exemption from liability is not presented in due time, the National Host Association/Club agrees that the necessary insurance coverage may be concluded by OFC at the National Host Association/Club's expense.

60. Audio/Video Recording of Matches

The National Host Association/Club shall provide a video cassette (VHS PAL) or DVD of each match of the Competition played in its territory to the OFC Delegate immediately after the Match or send to the OFC Secretariat at least 7 days after the match

61. Tournament Secretariat and Facilities for OFC Official and Referees

- a) The National Host Association/Club must ensure that the following are provided:
- (i) An office at the accommodation equipped with the following:
 - i. Bubble Jet/ Ink Jet Printer
 - ii. Telephone and fax
 - iii. Internet connection
 - (ii) An office at the stadium equipped with the following: (if possible)
 - i. Bubble Jet/ Ink Jet Printer
 - ii. Photocopy machine
 - iii. Telephone and fax
 - iv. Internet connection
 - (iii) Refreshments during training and the match
 - (iv) Liaison officers for referees and OFC officials
 - (v) Briefing room for referees at the hotel equipped with:
 - i. Video and television
 - ii. Whiteboard

- b) The facilities to be provided shall be made available two days before the match and one day after the match (total: 4 days).

62. Media Arrangements

- a) An adequate number of seats, as deemed necessary by OFC for journalists and media.
- b) No representatives of the written press or radio journalists are allowed in the playing area or the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators. In terms of the mass media, only a limited number of photographers, TV cameraman and the personnel required to operate an electronic television camera of the host broadcaster – all equipped with special permits for the event – are allowed in the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators, where they will carry out their work in the specific locations assigned to them.
- c) A post-match press conference must be conducted at the venue and must start no later than 15 minutes after the final whistle. The national association of the host club is responsible for the necessary infrastructure. Both clubs are obliged to make their team manager/coach, as well as a player (preferably the team captain) if possible, available for this press conference.
- d) After the match, a mixed zone must be setup for the media on the way from the dressing rooms to the team transport. This area – accessible only to coaches, players and representatives of the media, to offer reporters additional opportunities to conduct interviews – must be divided into three areas: one for ENG crews, one for radio reporters and one for journalists from the written press.
- e) The team dressing-rooms are off limits to representatives of the media before, during and after the match.

63. Media Accreditation

- a) The National Host Association/Club must set up and manage an accreditation programme in conjunction with OFC to manage access and privileges of all media personnel and agencies. All applications must be approved by OFC.
- b) Entry to the stadium and/or facility is subject to compliance to OFC Media Regulations that will be issued upon application.
- c) Where required, the OFC will be responsible for the production of media bibs for photographers, TV and ENG crews. The National Host Association/Club will be responsible for their distribution and collection after the match.
- d) The National Host Association/Club has certain obligations towards the host broadcaster for all matches. TV support includes the provision of certain space and facilities in the stadium for the host and unilateral broadcasters. All reasonable security measures to protect the commentary area and camera positions are the responsibility of the organizing associations.

64. Ticketing

- a) All clubs in the Competition must make at least 5% of the total capacity of their stadium available exclusively to visiting supporters in a segregated safe area.
- b) In addition, visiting clubs will be entitled to purchase up to 200 top or second-category tickets, or a combination thereof, for their VIPs, supporters, sponsors, etc. The price of tickets for supporters of the visiting club may not exceed the price of tickets of a comparable quality that are sold to supporters of the home club.

65. Competition Report

The General Secretary of the National Association shall send a report of the match to the General Secretary of OFC within ten (10) days of the completion of the match. The report may be brief, but shall be as complete as possible including the difficulties met with and the recommendations offered for benefit of future matches tournaments.

66. Marketing Requirements

The National Host Association/Club undertakes to abide to and provide all the provisions contained in Appendix 1 hereto

67. Prize Presentation During Final Match (2nd Leg)

The National Host Association/Club should produce a prize presentation stage for at least 27 persons and a trophy stand for the 2nd Leg of the Final as per the design and specification to be submitted by OFC.

Part V - Commercial Rights**68. Definitions****a) Commercial Rights**

Shall mean all rights of commercial exploitation (in whatever form) and/or associated commercial opportunities related to or in connection with the competition, including the Marketing Rights and the Media Rights, and all other rights of commercial value in regard to the Competition.

b) Marketing Rights

Shall mean any and all rights of exploitation (in whatever form) of all types of advertising (including electronic), promotion, marketing, merchandising, licensing, franchising, sponsorship, hospitality, publications, and any other rights and/or associated commercial opportunities related to or in connection with the competition, including advertising (by perimeter signage and other advertising, including but not limited to printed matter such as programmes, posters, letterheads, press releases, newsletters, tickets and photographs), franchising, concessions, display, sampling, premiums and selling rights of any nature in association with the competition in the Host Country, and particularly at the Controlled Access Areas, the right to organize promotional competitions, to give prizes, awards, and official music. The Marketing Rights shall include the exclusive right to use and to sublicense the use of the Competition Marks.

c) Media Rights

Shall mean all rights of commercial exploitation of the competition in the printed media format, including but not limited to newspapers, magazines and the internet, and the right to broadcast, transmit or display images and recordings of the competition (or any part thereof) in any and all broadcast media now known or hereafter devised including, but not limited to, the Radio and Television Rights.

69. Ownership of Commercial Rights

OFC owns exclusively and on a universal basis all Commercial Rights relating to the Competition, and has granted to OFC's Marketing Partner, Strategic Sports Ltd., the exclusive worldwide license to exploit any and all of the Commercial Rights in any and all media, now known or hereafter invented and for any and all products and services throughout and for all territories and countries of the world. The Commercial Rights shall include, inter alia, but are not limited to, the list contained in Appendix II

70. Exploitation of Commercial Rights

a) OFC's Marketing Partner, as the exclusive licensee, on a worldwide basis, of all Commercial Rights and will directly exploit all Commercial Rights in relation to the competition. OFC's Marketing Partner will be the contracting party in any agreement relating to the Commercial Rights. The National Host Association/Club acknowledges and agrees that OFC's Marketing Partner can freely subcontract or sublicense any Commercial Rights to any entity throughout the world (including in the Host Country), and the National Host Association/Club shall have no right to exploit directly and/or sublicense the exploitation of such Commercial Rights.

b) The National Host Association/Club shall fully co-operate with OFC and OFC's Marketing Partner in the exploitation of the Commercial Rights, in particular with respect to the activation of the Commercial Rights at the Controlled Access Sites.

c) The National Host Association/Club shall be fully liable for any breach of its obligations under this Agreement, in particular, of the Marketing Requirements (listed in Appendix I), or any infringement of the Commercial Rights by the National Host Association/Club or any third party acting with the National Host Association/Club authority which may constitute a breach of the exclusive rights which have been licensed to OFC's Marketing Partner and sub-licensed to the Commercial Partners.

71. Delegated Rights

- a) The National Host Association/Club **IS NOT** entitled to exploit the **Marketing Rights** and **Media Rights** (as defined below) relating to matches it is hosting.
- b) OFC shall have the promotional rights in connection with the **Competition** as described hereinafter for the purpose of the promotion of the **Competition**. The National Host Association/Club is obliged to implement OFC rights unless OFC decides to withdraw respective activities from the Competition.

Part VI - Administration**72. Management**

OFC will create the best possible conditions for staging the Competition with respect to matters, including, among others, coordination and administration of the Competition, the entry procedure and authorization to take part, the match system, the draw, the Laws of the Game, refereeing, control and disciplinary, and the exploitation of commercial rights.

73. Disciplinary measures and appeals

Disciplinary measures and appeals are dealt with in compliance with the current OFC Disciplinary Code and the relevant OFC circular(s).

74. Protest

- a) Subject to the following provisions, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, stadium installations and footballs in Competition.
- b) Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall be submitted in writing to the OFC Delegate within two (2) hours of the end of the match and followed up immediately by sending a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, to the OFC General Secretariat by fax.
- c) Protests regarding the eligibility of players for this Competition shall be submitted in writing to OFC no later than five (5) days before the first Competition match of the team in question.
- d) Protests regarding any incidents during matches shall be directed to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has restarted. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the OFC Delegate by the Head of Delegation of the team lodging the protest no later than two (2) hours after the match in question.
- e) Protest regarding the state of the pitch and its surroundings, markings, goals, flag posts or footballs shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the Head of Delegation of the team lodging the protest.
- f) No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.
- g) If a frivolous or irresponsible protest or appeal is lodged, the responsible OFC body may impose a fine.
- h) Protests shall be sent to OFC by the specified deadline, otherwise they will be disregarded. All protests must be accompanied with a fee of NZD500 and if the protest is dismissed then the party who lodged the protest will lose the filing fee.
- i) In compliance with Art. 39 of the OFC Statutes, associations may not take disputes to a civil court. If decisions are subject to appeal, the associations shall undertake to submit any such disputes to the jurisdiction of OFC, and, should the need arise, to FIFA.
- j) Once the Competition has finished, any protests regarding the sporting procedure during the Competition shall be disregarded.

75. Arbitration

- a) Pursuant to the OFC Statutes, national associations are forbidden from taking disputes to a civil court but may only submit them to the appropriate body of OFC in accordance with the applicable procedure.
- b) Furthermore, any disputes involving OFC, the National Host Association/Club, national associations, confederations, leagues, clubs, players, officials and licensed agents in connection with the Competition shall be promptly settled by negotiation.
- c) If no solution can be reached, or a formal appeal is envisaged, the issue shall be exclusively resolved under the auspices of the arbitration process set forth in the OFC Statutes, namely Arbitration Tribunal of New Zealand and/or the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The Code of Sports-related Arbitration of the CAS and all the relevant CAS Regulations shall apply. The language of arbitration is English.

76. Doping Control

- a) Doping is prohibited.
- b) Doping is any attempt by a player himself, or at the instigation of another person, to enhance his mental and/or physical performance and physiologically or to treat ailments or injury (when this is medically unjustified), for the sole purpose of taking part in a competition
- c) The use of a substance or a procedure intended to destroy or tamper with samples of urine or other substances being examined in doping tests also constitutes an act of doping.
- d) Every national association taking part in the Competition shall pledge to comply with the Doping Control Regulations for the Competition by signing the Declaration of Agreement sent to the national associations with the entry form.
- e) The OFC Secretariat reserves the right to carry out:
 - (i) Random doping tests during the Competition;
 - (ii) Doping tests at all matches and training sessions and at any time prior to and during the entire Competition in agreement with the OFC Sports Medical Committee;
 - (iii) Urine tests or urine and blood tests at the proposal of the Sports Medical Committee
- f) Only the OFC Secretariat may decide at which laboratories (among those accredited by the International Olympic Committee) and by whom the analyses shall be carried out.
- g) Every player in a team, including substitutes and injured players sitting on the bench, is liable to undergo doping tests. Any player or team that refuses or avoids undergoing a doping tests or falsifies the results of a test or attempts to do so or is found guilty of having taken prohibited substances, whether intentionally or not, shall be referred to the OFC Competitions Committee and sanctioned by the OFC Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the OFC Disciplinary Code.
- h) Any official who encourages or incites a player, either intentionally or through negligence, to commit such an infringement as described in par. 7 above shall be referred to the OFC Secretariat for sanctions to be imposed.
- i) The current version of the Doping Control Regulations for OFC Competitions and out of Competition, and the OFC Disciplinary Code apply to this Competition.

77. Financial provisions

- a) The National Host Association/Club shall pay the following costs:
 - (i) All costs and services as described in Article 52 above.
 - (ii) The board and lodging in a hotel (different from the teams), domestic transport in the host country, laundry (refereeing outfits and one (1) set of clothes daily) and medical treatment (including hospital facilities for injuries and emergencies related to the nature of their responsibility sustained/occurring during their stay in the host country) for referees, assistant referees, fourth officials, the OFC Delegate, the OFC General Coordinator, the referee inspector and any other OFC officials, if officially appointed by OFC. These services shall commence two days before the match and end one day after it, except for General

Coordinators who will arrive four (4) days before and leave the day after the match (or longer if flight schedules dictates).

- b) OFC shall pay for the following:
- (i) International travel costs (by air: domestic and continental in economy class) and the daily allowances, as fixed by OFC for all teams of a delegation of 18 players and 3 officials.
 - (ii) International travel costs (by air: domestic and continental in economy class) and the daily allowances, as fixed by OFC, for referees, assistant referees and fourth officials;
 - (iii) International travel costs (by air: domestic and continental in economy class; rail/sleeper in first class) and the daily allowances, as fixed by OFC, for the OFC delegate, the General Coordinator, the referee inspector and any other OFC officials (i.e. security officer, media officer, etc.), if officially appointed by OFC.
 - (iii) doping control expenses;
 - (iv) The costs of insurance taken out by OFC to cover its own risks, which may include any of the following:
 - i. Third-party liability insurance
 - ii. Insurance against liability for pecuniary loss
 - iii. Accident insurance
 - iv. Legal expenses insurance
 - v. Travel luggage insurance
 - vi. Spectator insurance
 - vii. Electronic equipment insurance
 - viii. Robbery insurance
 - ix. Fidelity insurance
 - x. Cup insurance
 - xi. Event cancellation insurance
- c) The visiting or travelling club shall pay for the following:
- i. Its own accommodation and meals in the host country when travelling;
 - ii. Its own accommodation and meals when required to transit in a country while travelling;
 - iii. Additional members of the team delegation (international airfares, accommodation and meals)
 - iv. Laundry, water, ice and any other incidentals relating to their stay for the duration of the competition
 - v. Cost of compulsory health, accident, and travel cover for all members of the team delegation
 - vi. Departure taxes
 - vii. Visas Costs
- d) Any expenses and costs incurred by a participating club other than those mentioned in these Regulations shall be borne by the participating club

78. Procedure for booking travel with OFC travel agent

- a) OFC will appoint an official travel agent to book and issue all air tickets for all teams during this competition and advise all teams of the name, address, contact numbers and email address of the designated travel agent.
- b) Teams are required to nominate the 18 players and 3 officials 30 days before the date of the match in accordance with Article 9(a) above.
- c) It shall be the sole responsibility of the club management or national association to contact the official travel agent and book their own airfares for their team each time they are required to travel in this competition.
- d) OFC will confirm the minimum price with the travel agent that OFC will pay for the cost of airfares if the airfares were booked in good time and at least 30 days before the date of the match.
- e) The club shall be responsible for any extra costs for the travel which relate to name changes, booking the flights late and as a result increase the price, changing dates and any other increased costs which must be paid to the travel agent before the tickets are issued and before the team travels.

- e) Should the club or national association fail to book their airfares in time for any reason and as a result were not able to travel to the away match(s) in time they shall forfeit the match(s) will be fined NZD\$20,000 and may be liable for further disciplinary action by the OFC Disciplinary Committee and whatever action under Article 4 of these regulations
- e) The OFC Secretariat shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in cases of force majeure.

79. Tickets

- a) The National Host Association/Club shall set aside 42 complimentary tickets for the visiting national association as well as an appropriate number – to be fixed by mutual agreement – of purchasable tickets.
- b) The National Host Association/Club shall, upon request and free of charge, provide OFC with ten (10) VIP box tickets and up to forty (40) category 1 tickets for each match.
- c) The entire ticketing system is OFC's responsibility and will be drawn up in conjunction with the National Host Association/Club
- d) OFC and the OFC Secretariat will issue special ticketing regulations for all ticketing matter which will apply to all ticket holders, including but not limited to national associations.
- e) The National Host Association/Club shall, provide the entire allocation of OFC's complimentary tickets listed in the Marketing Requirements (Appendix I).

80. Awards

- a) For the Competition, the following special awards will be presented:
 - (i) Fair Play Award
 - (ii) Golden Boot (Highest Goal Scorer)
 - (iii) Player of the League
- b) OFC issues separate regulations for these awards. There are no official awards other than those listed above, unless otherwise decided by the OFC Secretariat.
- c) OFC must approve any other award to be presented at the matches.

81. Protocol

- a) During the Competition, at least the OFC flag, the FIFA Fair Play flag or any other flag at OFC's discretion shall be flown at every match inside the stadium.
- b) The official music of the Competition shall be provided by OFC to the National Host Association/Club and shall be played when the teams enter the field. Alternatively, the FIFA anthem may be used.
- c) 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.
- d) At all matches in the Competition, the players must shake hands with their opponents after the end of the line-up procedure, as a gesture of fair play. The players are also obliged to assemble in the centre circle and wave to the spectators after the match.
- e) At least five (5) representatives from the visiting national association shall be seated in the VIP box.
- f) The official OFC representatives shall be seated in the VIP box.
- g) OFC may issue OFC Protocol Guidelines for the Competition.
- h) The OFC Protocol Regulation will apply for the final (1st & 2nd leg) matches. These will be communicated to the relevant National Host Association/Club

82. Trophy, Medals and Certificates

- a) A trophy donated by OFC is presented to the winning club for one year. The trophy is presented at the venue of the 2nd leg of the finals. OFC is responsible for engraving the trophy with the name of the winning club. The trophy will remain the property of OFC. The champion club will be awarded a scaled-down replica of the trophy by OFC as its permanent possession.
- b) The champion club shall be responsible for the loss or any damage to the trophy and shall return it in perfect condition when requested to do so by OFC.
- c) The winning club may have a copy of the trophy made, provided the copy is clearly marked as a replica and does not exceed 4/5 (four fifths) of the size of the original).
- d) If for any reason, the competition should cease to be held, the trophy shall be returned to the OFC Secretariat.
- e) OFC will also be responsible for awarding the following medals:
 - (i) Thirty-seven (37) gold medals to the Champion Club;
 - (ii) Thirty-seven (37) silver medals to the Runner-up Club;
 - (iii) Four (4) special commemorative medals to the referees of the 2nd leg final match
 - (iv) Commemorative medals
- f) Additional medals may not be produced without the consent of OFC.
- g) OFC may also present Certificates to the participating clubs in the Competition.

83. Prize Money

There shall be no prize money offered for this competition. Instead the winner of the competition will represent OFC at the FIFA World Club Championship and will receive a minimum of USD 500,000 dollars.

84. Prize Presentation Ceremony

The teams and individuals that qualify to receive prizes are obliged to attend the above ceremony. Teams must be represented by all their registered the members [18 players and 7 officials] for the final (2nd leg) match. Other club members, officials, players or staff cannot participate in the prize presentation ceremony.

85. Special Provisions

- a) National associations taking part in the Competition shall undertake to comply fully with all OFC regulations and decisions taken by the OFC Standing Committees
- b) Any disputes arising from the application of these Regulations shall be settled by the jurisdiction of OFC and, if subsequently necessary and OFC's decision is not final, by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
- c) The OFC Secretariat shall, in conjunction with the National Host Association/Club, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the country hosting the Competition. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

86. Intellectual Property Rights

OFC is the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights of the Competition, including any current or future rights of OFC's name, logos, brands, medals and trophies. Any use of the aforementioned rights requires the prior written consent of OFC, and must always conform to OFC's instructions and guidelines on correct usage.

87. Copyright

The copyright of the fixture lists drawn up in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations is the property of OFC.

88. Information

All clubs are responsible for all information provided on their players. Any information found to be fraudulent will subject the offending club to a two-year ban from all OFC Competitions and/or a fine ranging from NZ\$500 to NZD\$50,000.

89. Matters not provided for

Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the OFC Secretariat, whose decisions are final.

Part VII - Ratification

90. Ratification

These regulations were ratified by the OFC Emergency Committee in June 2007 and came into force immediately.

For the OFC Executive Committee

President:
Reynald Temarii

General Secretary:
Tai Nicholas

Auckland, July 2007

Appendix 1
Marketing Requirements

The National Host Association/Club shall:

(a) Controlled Access Site

Determine in association with OFC and OFC's Marketing Partner a Controlled Access Site which shall be free and clear from any and all advertising no less than two (2) working days prior to each match and that the Controlled Access Site shall remain free and clear from any and all advertising other than that installed by, or approved in writing by, OFC's Marketing Partner during the period twenty-four (24) hours before until twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of each match to be played at such Controlled Access Site. OFC's Marketing Partner and its contractors or designees shall have unrestricted access to the Controlled Access Site for the placement of advertising material or any materials relating thereto.

(b) Field of Vision

Ensure that the field of vision of the public and television cameras of all advertising material at the Stadia is not hampered in any manner during any match of Competition (except if compelling security reasons require such interference).

(c) Advertising Boards

Permit advertising boards to be installed around the playing field in the Stadium in a single row and in a continuous line at a distance of between five (5) to seven (7) metres from the touchline and between three (3) to six (6) metres from the goal lines. Ensure that OFC's Marketing Partner may without exception erect the boards in a vertical position, that is, at ninety degrees (90°) to the horizontal. If necessary to ensure television visibility the boards may be raised from the ground up to a height to be agreed by OFC by taking into account the normal angle of vision of spectators seated behind the boards concerned.

(d) Branding

Allow OFC's Marketing Partner to erect signage and corporate identification for the Commercial Partners anywhere within the Controlled Access Site in accordance with OFC's Marketing Partner's plan developed for this purpose.

(e) Promotional Material (Giveaways)

Ensure that there will be no promotional material given away or sold at the Controlled Access Site other than the Commercial Partners' materials, the licensed merchandise and other unbranded items, the distribution of which will have been approved by OFC's Marketing Partner.

(f) Products/Services

Use at the Controlled Access Site and to ensure that the products and services offered for sale at the Stadia and Media Centres are exclusively the products of the Commercial Partners to the exclusion of any competitive products or services. Non-competitive products or services may be provided by third parties upon terms to be agreed upon by OFC, OFC's Marketing Partner and the Organizing Association, provided, however, that such products or services must be unbranded (that is, with no visible commercial signage) and there must be no association between such third parties and OFC or the Organizing Association or the Competition as a result of such supply.

(g) Importation of Products

Afford all reasonable assistance to the Commercial Partners in connection with the importation and customs clearance of, and tax issues for, the products/services to be provided to the Organizing Association or OFC by the Commercial Partners.

(h) Complimentary Tickets

Make available, free of charge, to OFC's Marketing Partner for all Matches of the Competition the following allocation of complimentary tickets to every match:

The National Host Association/Club undertakes to provide:

- (i) 20 VIP tickets.
- (ii) 100 '1st Best Category Tickets'.
- (ii) 100 '2nd Best Category Tickets'.

“Best Category Ticket” as used in this Clause means the best tickets available in the best category seats entitling the ticket holder to sit in the sector immediately adjacent to the main stand or directly opposite the main stand and shall be provided in continuous blocks of tickets. Tickets must be delivered to representatives of OFC’s Marketing Partner no later than 21 days before each match.

(i) Purchasable Tickets

Enable OFC’s Marketing Partner to buy tickets at face value and on an individual Match-by-Match basis, for itself and for the Commercial Partners.

(j) Accreditation

Grant OFC’s Marketing Partner for itself (and for the producer of the official film) and for the Commercial Partners the necessary number of accreditations to the Controlled Access Site in order for OFC’s Marketing Partner and the Commercial Partners to be able to fully exercise the rights which will have been granted to them and to fulfil their products/services supply obligations at the Controlled Access Site. Such accreditations shall provide access to all general service areas as well as to particular departments, such as the Media Centres, press and television centre, VIP areas and the playing field. Not grant accreditations to applicants who might reasonably be expected by OFC or OFC’s Marketing Partner to use them for the purpose of infringing upon the rights, which will have been granted to the Commercial Affiliates.

(k) Access to Playing Field

Grant to OFC’s Marketing Partner free access to the playing field during any Match of the Competition in order for OFC’s Marketing Partner to be able to fully deliver the rights (in particular with respect to the advertising boards and other signage for the Commercial Partners at the Stadia).

(l) Accommodation

Make available to OFC’s Marketing Partner, on the same terms and conditions as are available to OFC, and to the Official OFC Partners, on reasonable market terms, a reasonably sufficient quantity of hotel accommodation in first-class hotels in the Venues, transportation services from the hotel accommodation and the centre of each Venue and, if applicable, air transportation to and between the Venues.

(m) Visas

Assist OFC’s Marketing Partner in its discussions with the relevant authorities in relation to the import and export of all necessary equipment, with the deliverance of the necessary visas and work permits, and other appropriate local assistance in order for OFC’s Marketing Partner to fully exploit the Marketing Rights.

(n) Parking

Make available to OFC’s Marketing Partner the fifty (50) of parking spaces at the controlled access site.

(o) Printed Matter

Print all match tickets to the design and specifications provided by OFC. Print all accreditation cards to the design and specifications provided by OFC. Not permit any other commercial entities than the Official OFC Partners to be represented on the tickets or on the accreditations. Print the official programme of the competition to the design, editorial content and specifications provided by OFC. To provide the necessary translation in the local language for this publication. Not accept any advertisement in the Competition official programme from any entity other than OFC’s Marketing Partners or the Commercial Affiliates.

Undertake not to publish any Competition-related publication. Acknowledge that all rights (publications and advertising) in and to all Competition-related publications including, but not limited to, the official programme, the game day programme, the official magazine, location guidebooks, official posters, etc are exclusively reserved to OFC’s Marketing Partner and to fully cooperate with the publishers of such Publications appointed by OFC’s Marketing Partner.

(l) Website

Not establish a Competition website without the prior written approval of OFC.

(m) Merchandise, Samples, Franchises, etc.

Make available to the Commercial Partners sufficient space at the Controlled Access Sites to enable them to fully exercise their exclusive rights of franchise, display, sampling, demonstration and sale of their products and services at the Controlled

Access Sites. The necessary space to exercise such on Controlled Access Site rights shall be made available to the Commercial Partners, without any payment by OFC's Marketing Partner or the Commercial Partner.

(n) Control of Controlled Access Site

Contractually require each of the Stadium owners and the person in control of each Controlled Access Site to insert in the contracts giving OFC or the Organizing Association control of the Controlled Access Sites, provisions providing that all franchise, concession, display, sampling, demonstration and sale of products at the Controlled Access Site shall be vested exclusively in OFC's Marketing Partner in that OFC's Marketing Partner shall be able to enforce such provisions.

(o) Storage Facilities

Make available to Commercial Partners, free of charge, adequate storage facilities at the Controlled Access Sites suitable for the exercise of their rights in the Controlled Access Sites.

(p) Utilities

Ensure the provision of the utilities (such as electricity, water and the like) at cost price to the Commercial Affiliates in order for them to be able to exercise their rights in the Controlled Access Site.

(q) Offices

Make available to OFC's Marketing Partner, free of charge, reasonably sufficient office space in each Organizing Association's office established at the venue and, for the duration of the Competition, temporary offices in the official hotels, which must include power supply, internet, and IDD connections, phone and fax machine. Consumption charges will be borne by OFC's Marketing Partner.

(r) Back Up Power

Provide back up power supply at the venue. The level for this emergency power supply shall be sufficient to provide lighting and power for the live or delayed media broadcast of the matches.

(s) New Requirements

The above constitutes OFC's minimum requirements in connection with the delivery of the Marketing Rights. OFC will inform the National Host Association/Club of the developments in the exploitation of the Marketing Rights which may result in OFC imposing additional marketing requirements on the National Host Association/Club