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REGULATIONS

Preamble

1. The EDSO European Futsal Championship is an EDSO event embodied in the EDSO Statutes.
2. It is played as a Final Competition.
3. On October 2009 the EDSO Executive Committee designated Schweizerische Gehörlosen Sportverband SGSV - Fédération Sportive des Sourds de Suisse (SGSV -FSSS) as the Organising Association of the competition for the 2010 EDSO European Futsal championship.
4. Schweizerische Gehörlosen Sportverband SGSV - Fédération Sportive des Sourds de Suisse (SGSV -FSSS) has set up a Local Organising Committee (LOC) in the form of an internal division to organise the final competition, in accordance with the EDSO Checklist and the Organising Association Agreement (OAA) between EDSO and the Organising Association.
5. Schweizerische Gehörlosen Sportverband SGSV - Fédération Sportive des Sourds de Suisse (SGSV -FSSS) and its Local Organising Committee are collectively referred to as the Organising Association. The Organising Association is subject to the supervision and control of EDSO, which has the last word on all matters relevant to the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship
6. Working relations between the Organising Association and EDSO are regulated in a special contract, the Organising Association Agreement (OAA), its annexes, Checklist, EDSO guidelines and circulars as well as all applicable EDSO regulations.
7. Any rights associated with the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship which is not granted by these regulations and/or specific agreements to a participating association in the preliminary or final competition or to an organisation belong to EDSO.
8. The current EDSO Statutes and all current EDSO regulations shall apply. Any reference in these Regulations to the EDSO Statutes refers to the Statutes valid at the time of application and to all relevant EDSO regulations.
9. The Regulations for the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship Switzerland™ (the Regulations) regulate the rights, duties and responsibilities of all associations taking part in the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship and of the Organising Association by forming an integral part of the OAA. The Regulations and all guidelines and circulars issued by EDSO are binding for all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting of the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship

Article 1. Title – 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship

1. The EDSO European Futsal Championship takes place every four years. The associations affiliated to EDSO and register with their National Futsal Association are invited to participate with their national team.
2. A representative from EDSO will present the winner of the competition with the EDSO European Futsal Championship trophy, which remains the property of EDSO, but may be kept, by the winner until the draw for the final competition of the next EDSO European Futsal Championship.

3. The winner shall be responsible for the loss of or damage to the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship trophy and shall return it in perfect condition. EDSO is responsible for engraving the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship trophy and will issue guidelines for its use.
4. If, for any reason, the competition should cease to be held, the EDSO European Futsal Championship trophy shall be returned to the EDSO Responsible Representative immediately upon demand.
5. The associations which take part in the final competition will each be awarded a souvenir plaque.
6. Those associations ranked first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth in the final competition will each receive a diploma.
7. 14 (Fourteen) medals will be presented to each of the three top teams in the final competition, i.e. gold medals to the winner, silver medals to the team ranked second and bronze medals to the team ranked third. No further medals will be awarded.

Article 2. Organisation of EDSO

1. In accordance with EDSO's Statutes:
2. The Executive Committee is EDSO's executive body;
3. The Organising Committee for the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™ is responsible for the organisation of the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™ in accordance with all EDSO regulations.
4. The EDSO Responsible Representative is, in conjunction with the Organising Association, responsible for the operational organisation of the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™ in accordance with the guidelines of the Organising Committee for the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™;
5. The Disciplinary Committee have the responsibilities set forth in the EDSO Disciplinary Code, which apply accordingly;
6. The Medical Committee has the responsibilities set forth in its list of duties.
7. In accordance with the Organising Association Agreement entered into by EDSO and the Organising Association, the Organising Association shall undertake to comply with these Regulations, the List of Requirements, all applicable EDSO regulations, guidelines and circulars as well as the applicable national and supra-national laws.

Article 3. Entries for the competition

1. As a rule, every Association affiliated to EDSO and register with the National Football Association may participate in the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™.
2. The associations shall complete and send the official entry form to the responsible EDSO Representative by the deadline stipulated in Art. 4. Only the entry forms sent to the responsible EDSO Representative by the deadline set will be valid and taken into consideration. Entries sent by telefax or e-mail shall be confirmed on the official entry form.

3. On entering the competition, the participating associations shall automatically undertake:
 - (a) To observe the regulations, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by EDSO as well as the applicable national and supra-national laws;
 - (b) To accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the final competitions shall be settled by EDSO in compliance with these Regulations or the decisions of the Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™;
 - (c) To accept all the arrangements made by the Organising Association for the final competition in agreement with EDSO;
 - (d) To observe the principles of fair play;
4. Associations entitled to take part in the final competition shall confirm their participation by sending the official entry form, duly completed, to the EDSO Responsible Representative by 20th January 2010.

Article 4. Organisation of the competition

1. The competition shall consist of two stages:
 - (a) The Group stage
 - (b) The Knockout stage.
2. The Organising Association's representative team, Schweizerische Gehörlosen Sportverband SGSV - Fédération Sportive des Sourds de Suisse (SGSV -FSSS), automatically qualifies for the final competition.
3. The final competition is scheduled to be staged in 6th-14th November 2010.
4. The Organising Association's team and the winner of the last EDSO European Futsal Championship qualifies automatically for the final competition.
5. The Organising Committee fixed the number of teams taking part in the competition of the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™ Switzerland, namely the Organising Association's representative team, Switzerland, and the last EDSO European Futsal Champion representative teams, Russia (men) and Russia (women).
6. The Organising Committee for the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™ shall form groups for the competition by seeding and drawing lots. The final draw may take place in June 2010 at Essen, Germany.
7. The decisions of the Organising Committee for the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™ on the group formation and the duration of the competition are final. In the case of any withdrawals, the Organising Committee for the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™ may change the groups in accordance with the provisions of par. 4.
8. Each team taking part in the competition shall have arrived in the team hotel reserved for it in the host country at least 24 hours before the Opening. Only official team hotels shall be used for accommodation.

Venues, dates and kick-off times for the matches in the final competition

1. The venues and kick-off times for the matches in the tournament will be decided by the host association in consultation with EDSO.

Article 5. Withdrawal, penalty for failing to play and replacement

Competition

1. Associations that qualify for the Competition shall play every match in the Competition until they are eliminated.
2. If a team refuses to play in the Competition, it shall be disqualified.
3. If an Association that has qualified for the Competition withdraws between the draw and the registration of players (Provisional list), it shall be fined between at least €500.
4. If an Association withdraws after the submission of Provisional list of players and during the Competition, it shall be fined of €2500. The association shall be held responsible for any damages or losses arising from its withdrawal.
5. An Association that withdraws prior to, or is excluded from playing in, the Competition may be replaced by another association. The Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ passes the relevant decision.
6. Depending on circumstances and the decision of the Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™, any association that withdraws may be ordered to reimburse EDSO and the Organising Association for any expenses the latter have already incurred as a result of their involvement in the final competition, and also pay compensation for any damages or losses suffered.
7. If the circumstances of withdrawal are sufficiently serious, the Disciplinary Committee may also take whatever additional action is appropriate under the terms of the Disciplinary Code, including the right to suspend the association concerned from the subsequent EDSO European Futsal Championship(s)™, or from any other EDSO competition.
8. The Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ shall determine 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.
9. If, through the fault of any association, a match cannot take place or be played in its entirety, the Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ shall declare the match to be forfeited (awarding victory and the resultant five points to the opposing team as well as the score of 5-0, or more, if the opposing team has already achieved a higher score) and shall eliminate the guilty team from the second round.
10. No appeals may be lodged against these decisions. Furthermore the guilty association shall forfeit any claim to financial remuneration from EDSO.
11. The Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ shall take whatever action is deemed necessary in the case of force majeure.

Article 6. Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™

1. The Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™, appointed by the EDSO Executive Committee, is responsible for the organisation of the competition in accordance with the EDSO Statutes.
2. The Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ shall consist at least 55% of the committee shall be deaf and at least 2 representatives from EDSO; one shall be EDSO Futsal Technical Officer and one shall be member of the EDSO Board.
3. The Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ may, if deemed necessary, appoint a bureau and/or one or more sub-committee(s) to deal with urgent matters. Any decision taken by a bureau or the sub-committee(s) shall come into effect immediately but shall be subject to confirmation by the plenary committee at its next meeting.
4. The Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ draws up the Regulations for the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship Switzerland™ according to the current FIFA's Laws of the Futsal Games. These Regulations are subject to approval by the EDSO Executive Committee.
5. The general responsibilities of the Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ include amongst other matters:
 - (a) Imposing fines specifically provided by these Regulations;
 - (b) Judging protests and taking appropriate steps to verify their admissibility;
 - (c) Replacing associations that have withdrawn;
 - (d) Appointing match commissioners, security officers and any other EDSO officials;
 - (e) Deciding which laboratories will carry out the doping test analyses;
 - (f) Dealing with breaches of the Doping Control Regulations;
 - (g) Determining and, if appropriate, settling cases of force majeure;
 - (h) Dealing with every other aspect of the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™ which is not the responsibility of another body under the terms of these Regulations or the EDSO Statutes.
6. The specific responsibilities of the Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ include amongst other matters:

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- (a) Supervising general preparations, deciding on the match system and the group draw;
 - (b) Forming groups and/or sub-groups;
 - (c) Fixing the venues and dates and choosing stadiums and training grounds in conformity with the List of Requirements and the Organising Association Agreement after consulting the Organising Association;
 - (d) Determining match schedule and kick-off times;
 - (e) Judging infringements;
 - (f) Choosing the official football and the stipulated technical material.
2. The decisions taken by the Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ are final and binding.

Article 7. Disciplinary matters

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

Yellow and Red cards

1. As a rule, a player who is sent off from the field of play is suspended for the next match in the competition. The Control and EDSO Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment. For the serious offence, the punishment can be extended to all EDSO competition categories
2. In the case of repeated cautions in different matches, the offending players is suspended for one match in the same category of competition as from the second and fourth caution, as well as following subsequent caution. The Control and EDSO Disciplinary Body will confirm the first and third caution.
3. Single caution from group matches in the Competition expires on the completion of the group stage and shall not carry forward to the subsequent stages.
4. Caution and pending yellow card suspension from the final round expire at the end of the competition.
5. The following fines have been determined:

(a) Yellow card	€15
(b) Yellow - red card	€30
(c) Red card	€50

For gross offences the EDSO officials may determine a higher appropriate fine.

Article 8. Protests

1. Subject to the following provisions, protests are objections of any kind to occurrences that have a direct effect on matches organised in the final competitions of the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™ (state and markings of the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, stadium installations, footballs etc.).
2. Unless otherwise stipulated in this article, protests shall first be submitted in writing to the EDSO Officials within 60 minutes of the match together with protest fee of €50 and followed up immediately with a full written report in English, including a copy of the original protest, to be sent in writing to the EDSO Technical Officer during the final competition, in the EDSO headquarters in the host country.
3. Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has been resumed. The protests shall be confirmed in writing to the EDSO Technical Officer by the head of the team delegation no later than two hours after the match, together with protest fee of €50
4. No protests may be made against the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play, such decisions being final.

5. Once the final match of the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship Switzerland™ has ended, any protests described in this article shall be disregarded.

Article 9. Futsal Laws of the Game

1. Matches are played in conformity with the current FIFA Laws of the Game.
2. Panels or electronic display boards, numbered on both sides for clarity, shall be used to indicate:
 - (a) The substitution of players;
 - (b) The number of minutes to be allowed for lost.
3. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version is authoritative.

Article 10. Duration of matches, extra time, determining the winner by penalty kicks

1. Each match lasts two equal periods of 20 minutes with stoppage time. The half-time interval must not exceed 10 minutes.
2. 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 consist of two periods of 10 minutes each, with an interval of five minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the two periods of extra time.
3. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedure described in the Laws of the Game.
4. The teams are entitled to a one-minute time-out in each half. The following conditions apply for a time-out:
 - (a) The team coaches are authorised to request the timekeeper for a one-minute time-out.
 - (b) A one-minute time-out may be requested at any time but is permitted only when the team requesting the time-out is in possession of the ball.
 - (c) The timekeeper indicates permission for a time-out when the ball is out of play using a whistle or another acoustic signal distinct from the ones used by the referee.
 - (d) When a time-out is granted, the players must remain on the pitch. If they wish to receive instructions from a team official, this may only be done at the touch line at the level of the team bench. The official issuing the instructions may not enter the pitch.
 - (e) A team that does not request a time-out in the first half of the match is still entitled to only one time-out during the second half.
5. Decisions:
 - (a) If a timekeeper is not available, the coach makes his request for a time-out to the referee.
 - (b) If the regulations of the competition stipulate that extra time is to be played at the end of normal time, there is no time-out during extra-time.

Article 11. Footballs

1. The footballs chosen for the preliminary and final competitions shall conform with the Laws of the Game and bear one of the following three quality standard designations licensed by FIFA:
 - (a) "FIFA APPROVED",
 - (b) "FIFA INSPECTED" or
 - (c) "INTERNATIONAL MATCH BALL STANDARD".
2. The footballs for the final competition shall be selected and supplied by SGSV -FSSS.

Article 12. Organising Association's responsibilities and the participating associations' guarantees

Organising Association

1. The Organising Association's obligations and responsibilities are stipulated in the Organising Association Agreement (OAA), its annexes and amendments, the EDSO Checklist and in these Regulations and other EDSO regulations, guidelines and circulars and any other agreements reached between EDSO and the Organising Association.
2. The Organising Association and the relevant government authorities are responsible for devising, planning and implementing adequate security and safety for the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™ at every relevant location for all relevant persons at all times. A suitable security plan shall be issued in the form of a binding declaration on all parties involved.
3. The Organising Association shall conclude insurance policies in consultation with EDSO to cover all risks relating to the organisation of the competition, including but not limited to adequate stadium insurance, liability insurance, financial and consequential losses liability insurance, cancellation and spectator insurance.
4. All costs for security and insurance shall be borne by the government authorities and the Organising Association.
5. The Organising Association and the referees have to conform to the current FIFA's Laws of the Game.

The Organising Association shall discharge EDSO from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against EDSO and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation and course of the competition with the exception of damages caused by EDSO or the members of its delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.

1. The Organising Association 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.
2. The Organising Association shall exempt (indemnify and hold harmless) EDSO from all third party claims for damages relating to match organisation, regardless of whether the individual matches in question take place or not.

Participating associations

1. All participating associations in the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™, regardless of their function, shall conclude adequate insurance cover.
2. Each association taking part in the competitions shall be responsible, amongst other matters, for:
 - (a) complying with all regulations, guidelines and instructions issued by EDSO;
 - (b) the behaviour of the members of its delegation (officials and players), and of any person carrying out duties on behalf of the association throughout the entire competition, from their arrival in the host country until their departure;
 - (c) concluding compulsory health, accident and travel insurance cover for all the members of its delegation;
 - (d) paying for incidental expenses incurred by its delegation members during the course of their stay in the host country and for any costs incurred by additional members of the delegation;
 - (e) paying for any costs of extending their stay, the duration of which is determined by EDSO;
 - (f) applying for visas in good time from the host country, if necessary;
3. Each association taking part in the final competition shall ensure, as a condition of its participation in the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship Switzerland™ that every member of its delegation (players and officials) completes an entry form to be issued by EDSO.

Article 13. Eligibility of players, list of players

1. Each association shall take the following provisions into account when selecting its representative team:
 - (a) all the players shall be citizens of its country and subject to its jurisdiction;
 - (b) all the players shall be eligible for selection in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Application of the EDSO Statutes.
2. Any team found guilty of fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match. Victory and the resultant three points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 5-0, or greater, depending on the score of the match.
3. Deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55 dB in the better ear (3-tone frequency average at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hertz, ISO 1969 Standard).

Age Limit

1. There are no age limits in competition. Any players under the age of 16 years and receiving full time education at the time of the competitions, must submit an authorisation signature from principal of education and parental/guardianship signature to release the said player to participate in the competitions.

Competition

1. Each association that qualifies for the competition may enter 14 players (two of whom shall be goalkeepers) numbered from 1 to 14. The numbers on the back of the shirts shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the official players' list. The number 1 shall be worn by a goalkeeper.
2. Up to 7 officials maximum.
3. The list of not more than 20 players (showing the full last name(s), every first name, surname, date of birth and ICSD Audiogram ID No. shall be submitted to the EDSO

Responsible Representative, using the official form for this purpose, no later than one month before the opening match in the competition. Only these 14 players (except in the case of force majeure recognised by the Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™) will be permitted to compete in the competition.

4. A listed player may only be substituted in the event of serious injury up until 24 hours before his team's first match, after EDSO has received a detailed medical assessment in official EDSO languages, and only after acceptance and confirmation by the EDSO Sports Medical Committee that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the competition. The association shall then immediately nominate the substitute and inform EDSO accordingly.
5. 12 players shall be included in the starting list for the match (5 selected players and 7 substitutes). Unlimited number of the substitutes may take the place of the selected players at any time during the match.
6. An official accreditation card with photograph shall be issued to the players and officials of each team by the Organising Association.
7. Only those players who are in possession of such an accreditation card are entitled to play in the matches of the final competition. The accreditation card shall always be available for inspection prior to the start of the match.
8. The official lists of 14 players will be published by the EDSO Official.

Article 14. Doping control

1. Doping is prohibited.
2. Doping is any attempt by a player himself, or at the instigation of another person, to enhance his mental and/or physical performance unphysiologically or to treat ailments or injury (when this is medically unjustified), for the sole purpose of taking part in a competition.
3. 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.
4. Every association taking part in the preliminary and/or final competition shall pledge to comply with the Doping Control Regulations for the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™ by signing the Declaration of Agreement sent to the associations with the entry form.
5. The Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ reserves the right to carry out:
 - (a) random doping tests during the preliminary competition;
 - (b) arrange doping tests at all matches and training sessions and at any time prior to and during the entire final competition in agreement with the Sports Medical Committee;
 - (c) urine tests or urine and blood tests at the proposal of the Sports Medical Committee.
6. Only the Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ may decide at which laboratories (among those accredited by the World Anti Doping Agency WADA) and by whom the analyses shall be carried out.
7. 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 test 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

Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ and sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

8. 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 Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ for sanctions to be imposed.

The current version of the Doping Control Regulations for EDSO Competitions and out of Competition, and the EDSO Disciplinary Code apply to the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship™.

Article 15. Audiology Control

1. Each player participating in all EDSO competition match must be on the audiometrically tests and produce audiograms on the official ICSD audiogram form.
2. Those competitors who are already eligible as evidenced by inclusion on the official ICSD audiogram list shall not be required to produce further proof of eligibility.
3. All other competitors shall produce audiograms of not more than one year old, either on official ICSD forms, or an official audiogram issued by an Audiologist (Doctor) in the competitors' area of residence.
4. Every player in a team, including substitutes and injured players sitting on the bench, is liable to undergo audiometrically tests. Any player or team that refuses or avoids undergoing a audiometrically test 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 Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal Championship™ and sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the EDSO Disciplinary Code.

Article 16. Team colours and numbers on team outfits, advertising on sports equipment and other material

1. Each team shall wear its official colours according to the entry forms sent to the responsible EDSO Representative.
2. In addition to the official outfit, each team shall have a reserve outfit (reserve colours), which shall also be declared on the entry form. The colours of the reserve outfit (shirt, shorts and socks) shall be noticeably different from and contrast with the colours of the official outfit (shirt, shorts and socks). The reserve outfit shall also be taken to every match.
3. If, in the opinion of the referee or the match commissioner, the colours worn by two opposing teams might cause confusion, they shall be modified, using either the entire reserve outfit or a combination of both.
4. The goalkeepers shall wear colours contrasting with those of the two teams and the referee.
5. No item of kit worn by a field player (shirt, shorts and socks) may consist of more than three colours. This provision does not apply to the colours used for letters and numbers (player's name and number). If three colours are used, one shall be clearly predominant on the shirt, shorts and socks and the other two colours shall clearly be minor colours. The predominant colour shall be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the shirt

and shorts. Exceptionally, a fourth colour may be used but only provided that it is the same as that used for the lettering or features permanently in the national emblem of the country concerned and covers only a very small area of the shirt as a purely decorative element; this restriction does not apply to the area for the lettering. The fourth colour is defined as a "decorative colour".

6. If thermal shorts are used, they shall be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts.

Article 17. Match Officials

1. Four Referees (two pitch referees, third referee and timekeeper) will be appointed for each match of the competitions by Referee Liaison Officer on behalf of EDSO Technical Committee (Match Officials).
2. Four Referees (two pitch referees, third referee and timekeeper) may be chosen for the matches of the competitions shall come from an association whose team is not included in the same group as the matches in question. They may be selected from the current UEFA International list.
3. The Match Officials shall be given the opportunity to use training facilities.
4. The decisions of the EDSO Technical Committee (Match Officials) are final and not subject to appeal.
5. 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 third referee.
6. After each match the lead referee shall complete and signed in an official EDSO Referee report form. In the competition, he/she shall hand it over to the Referee Liaison Officer or the EDSO representative at the venue immediately after the match.
7. On the report form, the lead referee shall note all occurrences before, during, and after the match in as much detail as possible, such as:
 - misconduct of players, leading to caution or expulsion;
 - unsporting behaviour of officials, supporters and any person acting on behalf of a association at a match;
 - any other incidents.

Article 18. Technical rules for the competition

1. The Competition shall be played in two stages.

First stage

1. Up to 26 men teams and 14 women teams taking part in the competition shall be divided into four groups of up to 7 teams each and two groups of up to 7 teams each respectively.
2. EDSO shall divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public.

3. The teams in the four groups shall be designated as follows:

(MEN)

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4
A5	B5	C5	D5
A6	B6	C6	D6
(A7)	(B7)	(C7)	(D7)

(WOMEN)

Group A	Group B
A1	B1
A2	B2
A3	B3
A4	B4
A5	B5
A6	B6
A7	B7

4. The system of play shall be the league system, each team playing one match against of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw and none for a defeat.
5. The two teams coming first and second in each group qualify for the second stage.
6. The matches in the first stage shall be played in accordance with the following schedule drawn up by the Organising Committee.
7. The last two matches in each group shall be scheduled to take place at the same time on the same day.

Second stage

The round of 1\8, quarter finals, semi-finals, play-off for third place and final shall all be played in accordance with the knock-out system.

Round of 1/8

1. The teams which qualify in the first stage shall play the stage of 1\8 in the following way:

MEN
6th match day

Winner A vs Runner-up B = 1
Winner B vs Runner-up A = 2
Winner C vs Runner-up D = 3
Winner D vs Runner-up C = 4

2. If, after 40 minutes, a match ends in a draw, extra time of twice 10 minutes shall be played. If of the score is level after extra time, penalty (6m) kicks shall be taken to determine the winner.

3. The winners of the four matches in the round of 1\8 qualify for the quarter finals.

Semi-finals

1. The winners of the quarter finals shall play the semi-finals in the following way:

	7th match day
(MEN)	(WOMEN)
Winner 1 vs Winner 3	Winner 1 vs Winner 3
Winner 2 vs Winner 4	Winner 2 vs Winner 4

2. If, after 40 minutes, a match ends in a draw, extra time of twice 10 minutes shall be played. If the score is level after extra time, penalty (6m) kick shall be taken to determine the winner.

Final, play for third place

8th match day

1. The winners of the semi-finals qualify for the final. The losers of the semi-finals shall contest the play-off for third place.
2. If, after 40 minutes, the final and/or the play-off for third place ends in a draw, extra time of twice 10 minutes shall be played. If of the score is level after extra time, penalty (6m) kicks shall be taken to determine the winner.

Play-off 9th– 24th places

6th-7th match days

1. The play-off for 9th – 24th places (men) shall all be played in accordance with the knock-out system.
If, after 40 minutes, the final and/or the play-off for third place end in a draw, extra time of twice 10 minutes shall be played. If of the score is level after extra time, penalty (6m) kicks shall be taken to determine the winner.
2. The play-off for 5th-12th places (women) shall all be played in accordance with the knock-out system.
If, after 40 minutes, the final and/or the play-off for third place ends in a draw, extra time of twice 10 minutes shall be played. If of the score is level after extra time, penalty (6m) kicks shall be taken to determine the winner.

Ranking in each group shall be determined as follows:

1. Ranking in each group shall be determined as follows:
 - a) greater number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
2. If several teams finish equal on points after all the matches in their group, the following criteria will be used to determine the ranking, in order given:
 - a) greater number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
 - b) goal-difference in the matches between the teams concerned;
 - c) greater number of goals scored in the matches between the teams concerned;
 - d) goal difference in all the group matches;
 - e) greater number of goals scored in all the group matches;
 - f) coefficient of points in the qualifying matches (points gained divided by the number of matches played);
 - g) fair play record of each team in its qualifying tournament and at the final tournament;

- h) drawing lost by the EDSO;

Article 19. Protocol

Competition

1. During the final competition, the EDSO flag, UEFA flag, the flags of the host country and both participating associations, the flag of the EU, or any other flag at EDSO's discretion, shall be flown at every match inside the stadium. The national anthems of the two participating associations shall be played after the teams have lined up.
2. One third of the seats in the VIP box in each hall shall be reserved for EDSO and VIP.
3. EDSO will issue protocol guidelines for the competition of the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship SwitzerlandTM

Article 20. Special provisions

1. Associations taking part in the 2010 EDSO European Futsal Championship SwitzerlandTM shall undertake to comply fully with all EDSO regulations and decisions taken by the Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal ChampionshipTM, Referees and Assistant Referees Committee, Disciplinary Committee.
2. Any disputes arising from the application of these Regulations shall be settled by the jurisdiction of EDSO and, if subsequently necessary and EDSO's decision is not final, by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

3. The Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal ChampionshipTM shall, in conjunction with the Organising Association, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the country hosting the 2010 EDSO European Futsal ChampionshipTM. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

Article 21. Copyright

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

Article 22. Matters not provided for

Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by the Organising Committee for the EDSO European Futsal ChampionshipTM, whose decisions are final.

Technical ruling may adhere to FIFA Ruling

In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French, Italian, Spanish or German texts of these Regulations, the English text is authoritative.

Article 23. Ratification

These Regulations were ratified by the EDSO Executive Committee in October 2005 and came into force immediately.

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