



DISCIPLINARY CODE



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TITLE I - GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Article 1 - Object

This code defines the violations of WMF regulations, establishes the applicable sanctions, and governs the organization, functioning, and procedures of the bodies responsible for disciplinary decisions.

Article 2 - Relationship With the WMF Code of Ethics

2.1. This Disciplinary Code operates together with the WMF Code of Ethics (2025).

2.2. Ethical violations defined in the Code of Ethics constitute disciplinary offences under this Code.

2.3. Where an ethical violation has no corresponding disciplinary article, the Disciplinary Committee shall determine the appropriate sanction by applying Articles 11–13 and general principles.

2.4. In case of conflict between the two documents, the Disciplinary Code governs sanctions; the Code of Ethics governs ethical standards and duties.

Article 3 - Scope of application: substantive law

This code applies to every match and competition organized by WMF. Beyond this scope, it also applies if a match official is harmed and, more generally, if the statutory objectives of WMF are breached, especially with regard to forgery, corruption and encroachment. It also applies to any breach of WMF regulations that does not fall under the jurisdiction of any other body.

Article 4 - Scope of application: natural and legal persons

The following are subject to this code:

- associations/federations;
- members of associations, in particular the teams;
- officials;
- players;
- match officials;
- anyone with an authorization from WMF, in particular with regards to a match, competition or other event organized by WMF;
- spectators.

Article 5 - Scope of application: time

This code applies to facts that have arisen after it has come into force. It also applies to previous facts if it is equally favorable or more favorable for the perpetrator of the facts and if the judicial bodies of WMF are deciding on these facts after the code has come into force. By contrast, rules governing procedure apply immediately upon the coming into force of this code.

Article 6 - Definitions

- 6.1. *Post-match*: the time between the final whistle from the referee and the teams' departure from the confines of the stadium.
- 6.2. *Pre-match*: the time between the teams' arrival in the confines of the venue and the whistle for the kick-off from the referee.
- 6.3. *International match*: a match between two teams belonging to different associations/federations.
- 6.4. *Friendly match*: a match organized by a Minifootball organization, team or other person between teams chosen for the occasion and possibly belonging to different spheres of operation; the score has an effect only on the match or tournament in question and, in the case of representative teams, on the WMF rankings.
- 6.5. *Official match*: a match organized under the auspices of a Minifootball organization for all of the teams in its sphere of operation; the score has an effect on the rights of participation in other competitions unless the regulations in question stipulate otherwise.
- 6.6. *Officials*: anyone, with the exception of players, performing an activity connected with minifootball at an association or team, regardless of his title, the type of activity (administrative, sporting or any other) and the duration of the activity; in particular, managers, coaches and support staff are officials.
- 6.7. *Match official*: the referee, second and third referee, match commissioner, referee observer, the person in charge of safety, and any other persons appointed by the WMF to assume responsibility in connection with a match.
- 6.8. *WMF regulations*: the statutes, regulations, directives of the WMF as well as the International Minifootball Rules and WMF World Cup Regulations.

Article 7 - Gender and number

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

Article 8 - Culpability

- 8.1. Unless otherwise specified, infringements are punishable regardless of whether they have been committed deliberately or negligently.
- 8.2. Exceptionally, a match may have to be played without spectators, on a neutral territory, or a certain venue may be banned purely for safety reasons, without an infringement having been committed.

Article 9 - Acts amounting to attempt

- 9.1. Acts amounting to attempt are also punishable.
- 9.2. In the case of acts amounting to attempt, the body may reduce the sanction envisaged for the actual infringement accordingly. It will determine the extent of the mitigation as it sees fit; it shall not go below the general lower limit of the fine (cf. art. 16.2).

Article 10 - Involvement

- 10.1. Anyone who intentionally takes part in committing an infringement, either as instigator or accomplice is also punishable.
- 10.2. The body will take account of the degree of guilt of the party involved and may reduce the sanction accordingly. It shall not go below the general lower limit of the fine (art. 16.2).

TITLE II – SANCTIONS

Article 11 - Sanctions common to natural and legal persons

Both natural and legal persons are punishable by the following sanctions:

- Warning;
- Reprimand;
- Fine;
- Return of awards.

Article 12 - Sanctions applicable to natural persons

The following sanctions are applicable only to natural persons:

- Caution;
- Expulsion;
- Match suspension;
- Ban from dressing rooms and/or substitutes' bench;
- Ban from entering a stadium;
- Ban on taking part in any Minifootball-related activity.

Article 13 - Sanctions applicable to legal persons

The following sanctions are applicable only to legal persons:

- playing a match without spectators;
- annulment of match result;
- forfeit (5 – 0);
- points deduction
- suspension/expulsion from the WMF;

Article 14 - Warning

A warning is a reminder of the substance of a disciplinary rule allied with the threat of a sanction in the event of a further infringement.

Article 15 - Reprimand

A reprimand is an official written pronouncement of disapproval sent to the perpetrator of an infringement.

Article 16 - Fine

16.1. A fine is issued in Euro (EUR). It shall be paid in the same currency.

16.2. The fine shall not be less than 50 EUR for a standard red card, and not more than 3,000 EUR for disciplinary penalties.

16.3. The body that imposes the fine decides the terms and time limits for payment.

16.4. Associations are jointly liable for fines imposed on representative team players and officials. The fact that a natural person has left a team or association does not cancel out joint liability.

Article 17 - Return of awards

The person required to return an award shall return the benefits received, in particular sums of money and symbolic objects (medal, trophy etc.).

Article 18 - Caution

18.1. A caution (yellow card) is a warning from the referee to a player during a match to sanction unsporting behavior of a less serious nature (cf. Player's penalties Rule XII International Minifootball Rules).

18.2. Two cautions received during the same match incur an expulsion (indirect red card) and, consequently, automatic suspension from the next match (cf. art. 19 par. 4). A financial sanction of 50 EUR will be applied. The two cautions that incurred the red card are rescinded.

18.3. If a player receives a caution in two consecutive matches of the same WMF competition, they are banned from playing in the subsequent game. This rule applies throughout the whole competition and the player's record will not be wiped after the group games (except for finals, where the player who got two yellow cards in two different games - usually the quarter and semi-final matches, is allowed to play). The Disciplinary Committee may exceptionally depart from or amend this rule before the start of a particular competition. Any such decision reached by the Disciplinary Committee is final.

An additional match suspension for every subsequent two cautions.

18.4. A fine (100 EUR) for a fourth (4) caution.

18.5. If an abandoned match is to be replayed, any caution issued during that match shall be annulled.

If the match is not to be replayed, the cautions received by the team responsible for causing the match to be abandoned are upheld; if both teams are responsible, all of the cautions are upheld.

18.6. Cautions issued in a match that is subsequently forfeited shall not be annulled.

18.7. Accumulated cautions for players and officials are reset at the end of the tournament. Cautions received in friendly matches do not count.

18.8. If a player is guilty of serious unsporting behavior and is sent off (direct red card), any other caution he has previously received in the same match is upheld.

Article 19 - Expulsion

19.1. An expulsion is the order given by the referee to someone to leave the field of play and its surroundings, including the substitutes' bench, during a match. The person who has been sent off may be allowed into the stands unless he is serving a venue ban.

19.2. Expulsion takes the form of a red card for players. The red card is regarded as direct if it sanctions serious unsporting behavior, it is regarded as indirect if it is the result of an accumulation of two yellow cards.

19.3. An official who has been sent off may give instructions to the person replacing him on the substitutes' bench. He shall, however, ensure that he does not disturb the spectators or disrupt the flow of play.

19.4. An expulsion automatically incurs suspension from the subsequent match, even if imposed in a match that is later abandoned, annulled and/or forfeited. The Disciplinary Committee may extend the duration of the suspension.

Article 20 - Match suspension

20.1. A suspension from a match is a ban on taking part in a future match or competition and on attending it in the area immediately surrounding the field of play.

20.2. An official who is suspended in application of par 20.1 is automatically banned from the dressing rooms in accordance with art. 21.

20.3. The suspension is imposed in terms of matches, days or months. Unless otherwise specified, it may not exceed twenty-four matches or twenty-four months.

20.4. If the suspension is to be served in terms of matches, only those matches actually played count towards execution of the suspension. If a match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited a suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeit of the match.

20.5. A match suspension is regarded as no longer pending if a match is retroactively forfeited because a player took part in a match despite being ineligible. This also applies to the match suspension imposed on the player who took part in the match despite being ineligible.

20.6. If a suspension is combined with a fine, the suspension may be prolonged until the fine has been paid in full.

Article 21 - Ban from dressing rooms and/or substitutes' bench

A ban from dressing rooms and/or substitutes' benches deprives someone of the right to enter a team's dressing rooms and/or the area immediately surrounding the field of play, and in particular to sit on the substitutes' bench.

Article 22 - Stadium ban

A stadium ban prohibits someone from entering the confines of one or several stadiums.

Article 23 - Ban on taking part in any Minifootball-related activity/Ban for Life (Lifetime Ban)

A person may be banned from taking part in any kind of Minifootball-related (administrative, sports, or any other).

23.1. A ban for life is the permanent prohibition imposed on a natural person from participating in any Minifootball-related activity, regardless of its nature (sporting, administrative, technical, operational, organizational, or any other).

23.2. A ban for life automatically includes the following consequences:

- a) prohibition from playing in any competition organized under the authority of the WMF or the continental confederations;
- b) prohibition from exercising administrative, technical, staff, or representative functions within the WMF, national associations, clubs, or affiliated organizations;

c) prohibition from entering technical areas, dressing rooms, official spaces, delegation areas, and any WMF-related official activity;

d) prohibition from holding licenses, accreditations, or any other form of authorization issued by the WMF.

23.3. A ban for life may be imposed in the following situations, without limitation:

a) extremely serious cases of violence, physical assault, or dangerous conduct that endangers the integrity of persons;

b) serious cases of corruption, match-fixing, manipulation of matches, or related activities (cf. art. 50, art. 56);

c) aggravated discriminatory acts, committed repeatedly or with a major impact on the image of the WMF (cf. art. 46);

d) actions that severely damage the image of the WMF (cf. art. 53.4), repeated or deemed incompatible with participation in Minifootball;

e) repeated and intentional violations of suspensions, disciplinary decisions, or attempts to evade sanctions.

23.4. The decision to impose a ban for life shall be taken by the Disciplinary Committee or another competent WMF body, in accordance with the procedural provisions of this Code.

23.5. A ban for life may be appealed only before the Appeals Committee; its decision is final.

23.6. In exceptional cases, justified by new evidence or extraordinary circumstances, the sanctioned person may request a one-time review of the sanction after a minimum period of two (2) years from the date the sanction was imposed. The Disciplinary Committee shall decide at its discretion on the admissibility and outcome of such a request.

Article 24 - Playing a match without spectators

The obligation to play a match behind closed doors requires an association or a team to have a certain match played without spectators.

Article 25 - Annulment of the result of a match

The result of a match is annulled if the result reached on the field of play is disregarded.

Article 26 - Expulsion from a competition

Expulsion is the deprivation of the right of an association or a team to take part in the current and/or a future competition.

Article 27 - Deduction of points

A team may have points deducted from those already attained in the current or a future competition.

Article 28 - Forfeit

28.1. A team sanctioned with a forfeit is considered to have lost the match 5-0.

28.2. If the goal difference at the end of the match is greater than five, the result on the pitch is upheld.

Article 29 - Replay of the match

A match may be replayed if it could not take place or could not be played in full for reasons other than force majeure, but due to the behavior of a team or behavior for which an association is liable.

Article 30 - Carrying over cautions

30.1. Cautions received during one competition are not carried over to another competition.

30.2. They are, however, carried over from one round to the next in the same competition. The Disciplinary Committee may exceptionally depart from this rule before the start of a particular competition.

Article 31 - Carrying over match suspensions

31.1. As a general rule, every match suspension (of players and officials) is carried over from one round to the next in the same competition.

31.2. Match suspensions are carried over to the next competition under the auspices of the WMF if not served during the competition in which they are imposed

Article 32 - Repeated infringements

Unless otherwise specified, the Disciplinary Committee may increase the sanction to be pronounced as deemed appropriate if an infringement has been repeated.

Article 33 - Concurrent infringements

33.1. If several fines are pronounced against someone as a result of one or more infringements, the Disciplinary Committee bases the fine on the most serious offence committed and, depending on the circumstances, may increase the sanction by up to fifty per cent of the maximum sanction specified for that offence.

33.2. The same applies if a person incurs several time sanctions of a similar type (two or more match suspensions) as the result of one or several infringements.

TITLE III – DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES

Article 34 - Minor infringements

A player is cautioned if he commits any of the following offences (cf. Rule XII of International Minifootball Rules and art. 18 of this code):

- unsporting behavior;
- dissent by word or action;
- persistent infringement of the International Minifootball rules;
- delaying the restart of play;
- failure to retreat the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in;
- entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission;
- deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission.

Article 35 - Serious infringements

A player is sent off if he commits any of the following offences (cf. Rule XII of International Minifootball Rules and art. 19 of this code):

- serious foul play;
- violent conduct;
- spitting at an opponent or any other person;
- denying the opposing team, a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area);
- denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick;
- using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures;
- receiving a second caution in the same match (art. 19 par. 2);

Article 36 - Misconduct against opponents or persons other than match officials

Including the automatic suspension incurred in accordance with art. 19.4, any recipient of a direct red card shall be suspended and fined as follows:

36.1. One match for denying the opposing team a clear goal-scoring opportunity (particularly by deliberately handling the ball) - financial penalty: 50 EUR;

36.2. At least one match for serious foul play (particularly in the case of excessive or brute force); a financial penalty shall also be imposed, ranging between 50 EUR and 200 EUR.

36.3. Any player, coach, or official who assaults (by elbowing, punching, kicking, etc.) an opponent or any other person, except for a match official, shall be sanctioned with a suspension ranging from two (2) to twelve (12) matches, or up to six (6) months, or with indefinite exclusion.

The suspension or exclusion sanction applies to all competitions organized under the authority of the WMF or the continental federations, regardless of the nature of the competition (friendly or official).

A financial penalty shall also be imposed, ranging between 100 EUR and 700 EUR.

Physical assault (by elbowing, punching, kicking, etc.) is classified into two levels:

a) Serious Assault (clear violent action but no injury caused)

– Suspension: two (2) – five (5) matches

A financial penalty shall also be imposed, ranging between 100 EUR and 350 EUR.

b) Severe Assault (dangerous action or resulting injury)

– Suspension: six (6) – twelve (12) matches or up to six (6) months

A financial penalty shall also be imposed, ranging between 350 EUR and 700 EUR.

Possible indefinite exclusion for extreme cases.

36.4. Any player, coach, or official who spits at or in the direction of another person, including match officials, opponents, teammates, or any other individual, during the match or while the match is stopped shall be sanctioned with a suspension ranging from four (4) to twelve (12) matches, or up to six (6) months.

The suspension or exclusion sanction applies to all competitions organized under the authority of the WMF or the continental federations, regardless of the nature of the competition (friendly or official).

A financial penalty shall also be imposed, ranging between 200 EUR and 800 EUR.

36.5. Spitting as an act of protest shall be sanctioned with a suspension ranging from two (2) to four (4) matches, or up to one (1) month.

A financial penalty shall also be imposed, ranging between 100 EUR and 300 EUR.

Article 37 - Misconduct against match officials

Including the automatic suspension incurred in accordance with art. 18 par. 4, the overall suspension imposed on any person receiving a direct red card shall be for:

37.1. Any player, coach, or official who assaults (by elbowing, punching, kicking, etc.) a match official, shall be sanctioned with a suspension ranging from two (2) to twelve (12) matches, or up to six (6) months, or with indefinite exclusion and a financial penalty between 100 EUR and 700 EUR. The suspension or exclusion sanction applies to all competitions organized under the authority of the WMF or the continental federations, regardless of the nature of the competition (friendly or official).

37.2. Any player, coach, or official who spits at or in the direction of a match official during the match or while the match is stopped shall be sanctioned with a suspension ranging from six (6) to fourteen (14) matches, or up to one (1) year.

The suspension or exclusion sanction applies to all competitions organized under the authority of the WMF or the continental federations, regardless of the nature of the competition (friendly or official).

A financial penalty shall also be imposed, ranging between 400 EUR and 1,000 EUR.

37.3. Spitting as an act of protest shall be sanctioned with a suspension ranging from three (3) to five (5) matches, or up to two (2) months.

A financial penalty shall also be imposed, ranging between 100 EUR and 300 EUR.

Article 38 - Brawl

38.1. Involvement in a brawl (at least three (3) individuals from one or both teams) is sanctioned with a suspension from four (4) to twelve (12) matches, or up to one (1) year, or with indefinite exclusion.

The suspension or exclusion sanction applies to all competitions organized under the authority of the WMF or the continental federations, regardless of the nature of the competition (friendly or official).

A financial penalty shall also be imposed, ranging between 300 EUR and 1,200 EUR.

38.2. Anyone who has tried merely to prevent a fight, shield others or separate those involved in a brawl is not subject to punishment.

Article 39 - Unidentified aggressors

If, in the case of violence, it is not possible to identify the perpetrator(s), the body will sanction the team or association to which the aggressors belong.

Article 40 - Team misconduct

Disciplinary measures may be imposed on associations and teams who fail to conduct themselves properly. In particular:

40.1. A fine (100 EUR) may be imposed where the referee sanctions at least four members of the same team during a match (caution or expulsion);

40.2. A fine between 500 EUR and 1000 EUR depending on severity may be imposed where several players or officials from the same team threaten or harass match officials or other persons. Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious offences.

Article 41 - Inciting hatred and violence

Anyone who publicly incites others to hatred or violence shall be suspended and sanctioned as follows:

41.1. If the offender is a player or coach, they shall be suspended for two (2) to twelve (12) matches and fined between 300 and 750 EUR.

41.2. If the offender is an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team, they shall be suspended for a period of two (2) months and fined between 450 and 900 EUR.

41.3. In serious cases, particularly when the infringement is committed through mass media (such as the press, radio, or television) or occurs on a match day in or around the stadium, the financial penalty shall range between 500 EUR and 1,500 EUR.

Article 42 - Provoking the general public

Anyone who provokes the general public through gestures, words, or other means, before, during, or after a game shall be suspended and sanctioned as follows:

42.1. If the offender is a player or coach, they shall be suspended for two (2) to ten (10) matches and fined between 400 and 1,200 EUR.

42.2. If the offender is an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team, they shall be suspended for a period of one (1) month to one (1) year and fined between 400 and 1,200 EUR.

Article 43 - Irregular participation in a match

43.1. If a player takes part in an official or friendly match while being ineligible, they shall be suspended for two (2) to six (6) matches and fined between 300 EUR. Also his team shall be sanctioned by forfeiting the match (5 – 0) and shall be fined 500 EUR.

43.2. The refusal of a player, coach, or other official to immediately leave the field of play or the substitute bench after being sent off by the referee, resulting in a delay or stoppage of the match, shall be sanctioned as follows:

a) If the offender is a player or coach, they shall be suspended for one (1) to three (3) matches and fined 150 EUR.

b) If the offender is an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team, they shall be suspended for one (1) month and fined 300 EUR.

43.3. The act of a substitute player, coach, or other official entering the field of play without the referee's permission or in an irregular manner, with the intention of interrupting, delaying, or disturbing the match, or to gain an advantage for their team, shall be sanctioned as follows:

a) If the offender is a player or coach, they shall be suspended for two (2) to five (5) matches and fined 250 EUR.

b) If the offender is an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team, they shall be suspended for one (1) month and fined 300 EUR.

43.4. The act of persons on the substitute bench throwing a ball or any other object onto the field during the match, with the intention of interrupting, disturbing, delaying the match, or creating an advantage for their team, shall be sanctioned with suspension for two (2) matches and financial penalty 150 EUR.

Article 44 - Unplayed match and abandonment

44.1. If a match cannot take place or cannot be played in full for reasons other than force majeure, but due to the behavior of a team or behavior for which an association or a team is liable, the association or the team will be sanctioned with a financial penalty of 500 EUR. The match will either be forfeited (5 – 0) or replayed.

44.2. In serious cases, additional sanctions pursuant to art. 13 may be imposed on the association or team concerned.

44.3. Any team that refuses to play a match, to continue a match that has already started, or to return to the field for the continuation of a match interrupted after a period of three (3) minutes as stipulated by the regulations, shall be sanctioned as follows:

a) For the first offence, the team shall forfeit the match by a score of 5–0 and shall be deducted three (3) points in the rankings and sanctioned with a financial penalty of 750 EUR.

b) For the second offence, the team shall again forfeit the match by a score of 5–0 and shall be deducted four (4) points in the rankings sanctioned with a financial penalty of 1,000 EUR.

The point deduction shall be applied before the scheduling of the team's next match and shall apply only to matches in the group stage.

44.4. The withdrawal of a team from a competition during its course (except in cases of force majeure), an action that affects the image of the competition, the determination of sporting rankings, and/or causes reputational or material damage to the organizers, shall be sanctioned as follows:

a) The team concerned shall be subject to a financial penalty of 2,000 EUR and shall be excluded from the competition.

b) All results obtained up to the moment of withdrawal shall be annulled and recorded as 5–0 victories in favour of the opposing teams, if the act occurs during the group stage of the competition.

c) Players registered at the start of the competition (according to the official participation list) shall be suspended for one (1) year from all competitions organized under the authority of the WMF and the continental federations.

Article 45 - Offensive behavior and fair play violations

Anyone who insults someone in any way, especially by using offensive gestures or language, or who violates the principles of fair play or whose behavior is unsporting in any other way shall be sanctioned with a suspension ranging from three (3) to eight (8) matches.

A financial penalty shall also be imposed, ranging between 200 EUR and 1,000 EUR.

Article 46 - Discrimination

46.1. Anyone who offends the dignity of a person or group of persons through contemptuous, discriminatory, or derogatory words or actions concerning race, colour, language, religion, or origin will be suspended and sanctioned as follows:

a) If the offender is a player or coach, they shall be suspended for six (6) to twelve (12) matches and fined between 500 and 1,000 EUR.

b) If the offender is an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team, they shall be suspended for two (2) to six (6) months and fined between 500 and 1,000 EUR.

c) Where several persons (officials and/or players) from the same team or association simultaneously breach par. 46.1 or there are other aggravating circumstances, the team concerned may be deducted three points for a first offence and six points for a second offence; a further offence may result in relegation to a lower division. In the case of matches in which no points are awarded, the team may be disqualified from the competition.

46.2.

a) Where supporters of a team breach par. 46.1 at a match, a fine between 1,000 and 2,000 EUR shall be imposed on the association or club concerned regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight.

b) Serious offences may be punished with additional sanctions, in particular an order to play a match behind closed doors, the forfeit of a match, a points deduction, a ban for life or disqualification from the competition.

46.3. Spectators who breach par. 46.1 of this article shall receive a stadium ban of at least two years.

Article 47 - Threats

Anyone who intimidates a match official (referee, player, coach, match observer, etc.) with serious threats shall be suspended and sanctioned as follows:

47.1. If the offender is a player or coach, they shall be suspended for one (1) to six (6) matches and fined between 300 and 800 EUR.

47.2. If the offender is an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team, they shall be suspended for one (1) to six (6) months and fined between 300 and 800 EUR.

Article 48 - Coercion

Anyone who uses violence or threats to pressure a match official into taking certain action or to hinder them in any other way from acting freely, shall be suspended and sanctioned as follows:

48.1. If it is committed by a player or coach without physical aggression or violence they shall be suspended for two (2) to eight (8) matches and fined between 200 and 500 EUR.

48.2. If it is committed by an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team without physical aggression or violence, they shall be suspended for one (1) to four (4) months and fined between 200 and 500 EUR.

48.3. If it is committed by a player or coach with physical aggression or violence they shall be suspended for eight (8) to fifteen (15) matches and fined between 600 and 1,200 EUR.

48.4. If it is committed by an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team with physical aggression or violence, they shall be suspended for four (4) to eight (8) months and fined between 600 and 1,200 EUR.

Article 49 - Forgery and falsification

49.1. Anyone who, in Minifootball-related activities, forges a document, falsifies an authentic document or uses a forged or falsified document to deceive in legal relations will be sanctioned with a fine.

- 49.2. If the perpetrator is a player, they shall be suspended for at least 6 matches and fined with 500 EUR.
- 49.3. If the perpetrator is an official, a ban on taking part in any Minifootball-related activity for a period of at least twelve months will be pronounced and fined with 1,000 EUR.
- 49.4. An association may be held liable for an infringement as defined in par. 49.1 committed by one of its officials and/or players. In such a case, disciplinary sanctions will be imposed on the association in accordance with the principles of objective liability
- 49.5. A team may be held liable for an infringement as defined in par. 49.1 committed by one of its officials and/or players. In such a case, an expulsion from a competition and/or a transfer ban may be pronounced in addition to a fine for the club concerned.

Article 50 - Corruption and Match-Fixing

- 50.1. Anyone who offers, promises or grants an unjustified advantage to a body of the WMF, a match official, a player or an official on behalf of himself or a third party in an attempt to incite it or him to violate the regulations of the WMF, will be sanctioned:
- a) with a fine between 1,000 and 3,000 EUR
 - b) with a ban on taking part in any Minifootball-related activity, and
 - c) with a ban on entering any venue.
- 50.2. Passive corruption (soliciting, being promised or accepting an unjustified advantage) will be sanctioned in the same manner.
- 50.3. In serious cases and in the case of repetition, sanction 50.1 b) may be pronounced for life.
- 50.4. In any case, the body will order the confiscation of the assets involved in committing the infringement. These assets will be used for Minifootball development programs.
- 50.5. Anyone who participates directly or indirectly in betting or similar activities relating to Minifootball matches may be subject to sanctions in accordance with art. 13.
- 50.6. Anyone who, in connection with betting or similar activities, engages in conduct aimed at influencing the outcome of a match or competition, especially for financial gain, will be suspended for a minimum of ten matches and fined between 1,000 and 3,000 EUR.
- 50.7. Anyone who directly or indirectly influences the course or outcome of a match to gain an advantage in betting or gaming activities will be sanctioned as follows:
- a) For players, officials, or persons closely connected to an association: a minimum suspension of five years and a fine between 1,000 and 3,000 EUR.
- 50.8. In serious cases, additional sanctions such as disqualification from the competition may be imposed.
- 50.9. Where match-fixing is accompanied by another infringement, the sanctions for that infringement will be added to those for match-fixing.
- 50.10. An association may be held liable for an infringement of par 50.7 committed by one of its officials and/or players. In such a case, disciplinary sanctions will be imposed on the association in accordance with the principles of objective liability.
- 50.11. In serious cases, additional sanctions may be imposed on the association concerned.

Article 51 - Doping

Doping is prohibited. Doping and anti-doping rule violations are defined in the WMF Anti-Doping Regulations and sanctioned in accordance with the WMF Anti-Doping Regulations and the WMF Disciplinary Code.

Article 51A - Alcohol Consumption and Alcohol-Related Misconduct

51A.1. Officials, referees, staff members, and any other persons accredited by the WMF are required to refrain from consuming alcohol in any official competition area, during official activities, or at any time when they represent the WMF, including in common areas, technical zones, delegate areas, etc.

51A.2. It is prohibited to appear at official activities (matches, technical meetings, trainings, operational duties) under the influence of alcohol, in a condition that affects the image of the WMF or the individual's ability to fulfill their responsibilities.

51A.3. Any violation of provisions in Art. 51A.1–51A.2 shall be sanctioned as follows:

- a) For alcohol consumption in official areas or during official activities, they shall be suspended for one (1) to three (3) matches or one month (1) to two months (2) for non-technical staff and fined with 100 EUR.
- b) For appearing under the influence of alcohol at official activities, including matches they shall be suspended for two (2) to six (6) matches or two (2) to four (4) months for non-technical staff and fined with 300 EUR.
- c) For serious or repeated cases, especially when they affect the conduct of a competition, endanger the safety of other persons, harm the image of the WMF (cf. Art. 53.4), shall be sanctioned with:

Suspension between six (6) months and one (1) year, fine between 1000 EUR and 3000 EUR and possible indefinite ban from participating in Minifootball activities in extreme cases.

51A.4. Associations or teams may be additionally sanctioned with a fine between 600 EUR and 1,000 EUR if it is proven that they tolerated, concealed, or failed to report the behavior of their members who violated this article.

51A.5. Any attempt to circumvent controls, avoid fact-checking, or evade disciplinary procedures shall result in additional sanctions in accordance with Art. 81 and Art. 53.4.

Article 52 - Match Organisation Obligations

52.1. Associations that organize matches shall:

- assess the degree of risk posed by matches and notify the WMF bodies of those that are especially high risk;
- comply with and implement existing safety rules (WMF regulations, national laws, international agreements) and take every safety precaution demanded by circumstances before, during and after the match and if incidents occur;
- ensure the safety of match officials, players and officials of the visiting team during their stay;
- keep local authorities informed and collaborate with them actively and effectively;
- ensure that law and order are maintained in the stadiums and immediate surroundings and that matches are organised properly.

52.2. Team Colours and Forfeit

- Teams must wear colours that clearly distinguish them from each other and from the match officials.
- The home team has priority in the choice of colours. In matches played on neutral grounds, the team listed first on the official match sheet shall be considered the home team for colour priority purposes.

- The match shall not start unless both teams are clearly distinguishable. If the visiting team fails to change its equipment within ten (10) minutes from the official kick-off time, the match shall be forfeited (5–0) in favour of the opposing team.

Article 53 - Failure to comply

53.1. Any association that fails to fulfil its obligations will be sanctioned accordingly by the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with this code.

53.2. In the case of serious infringements, additional sanctions may be imposed, such as a stadium ban or ordering a team to play on a neutral ground.

53.3. The right is reserved to pronounce certain sanctions for safety reasons, even if no infringement has been committed.

53.4. All members of the World Minifootball Federation (WMF), including but not limited to teams, Federations, officials, and staff, are required to uphold the highest standards of conduct and professionalism at all times, both during WMF-sanctioned events and in all other activities related to the WMF. Any action by a WMF member that brings the WMF's name into disrepute will result in severe penalties, including but not limited to fines, suspensions, and disqualifications from competitions (where applicable). Furthermore, egregious violations of this rule may lead to suspension or expulsion from the WMF. The WMF reserves the right to determine what constitutes conduct that brings the organization's name into disrepute and to impose appropriate penalties.

53.5. If any WMF Official fails to comply with their contractual obligations to the WMF, or violates the WMF Code of Ethics, one or more of the following sanctions could be imposed:

- Warning
- Fine
- Match suspension
- Expulsion from the remainder of the tournament
- Ban on taking part in any Minifootball-related activity

Article 54 - Liability for spectator conduct

54.1. The home association or home team is liable for improper conduct among spectators, regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight, and, depending on the situation, may be fined. Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious disturbances.

54.2. The visiting association or visiting club is liable for improper conduct amongst its own group of spectators, regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight, and depending on the situation, may be fined. Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious disturbances. Supporters occupying the away sector of a stadium are regarded as the visiting Association's supporters, unless proven to the contrary.

54.3. Improper conduct includes violence towards persons or objects, letting off incendiary devices, throwing missiles, displaying insulting or political slogans in Any form, uttering insulting words or sounds, or invading the pitch.

54.4. The liability described in par 54.1 and 54.2 also includes matches played on a neutral ground, especially during final competitions.

Article 55 - Additional obligations

Associations shall also:

- actively vet the age of players shown on the identity cards they produce at competitions that are subject to age limits;
- ensure that no one is involved in the management of clubs or the association itself who is under prosecution for an action unworthy of such a position (especially doping, corruption, forgery, etc.) or who has been convicted of a criminal offence in the past five years.

Article 56 - Unlawfully influencing match results

56.1. Anyone who conspires to influence the result of a match in a manner contrary to sporting ethics shall be sanctioned with a match suspension or a ban on taking part in any Minifootball-related activity, as well as a fine between 1,000 EUR and 3,000 EUR. In serious cases, a lifetime ban on taking part in any Minifootball-related Activity shall be imposed.

56.2. In the case of a player or official unlawfully influencing the result of a match in accordance with par. 56.1, the team or association to which the player or official represents may be fined.

Serious offences may be sanctioned with expulsion from a competition, relegation to a lower division, a point deduction and the return of awards.

Article 56A – Recognition of Continental and National-Level Suspensions and Eligibility Restrictions

56A.1. The WMF shall recognise and enforce any suspension imposed by WMF-affiliated continental federations or national minifootball associations, provided that the underlying offence is comparable in nature to those regulated under the WMF Disciplinary Code. Such suspensions shall be valid and enforceable in all WMF competitions and activities, unless the WMF Disciplinary Committee determines that the measure is manifestly disproportionate, procedurally defective, or otherwise incompatible with WMF disciplinary principles.

56A.2. Continental federations and national associations shall notify the WMF without delay of any disciplinary suspensions that may affect a player's or team's or official's international eligibility. They shall also provide any supporting documentation required by the WMF for verification purposes.

56A.3. The WMF shall automatically recognise and enforce all anti-doping sanctions issued by national anti-doping organisations or any authority acting under the WADA Code. Any individual declared ineligible to participate in team sports under a WADA-based sanction shall be suspended from participation from all WMF competitions for the full duration of the sanction.

Article 57 - General rule

57.1. With regard to matches and competitions not organized by WMF, associations, confederations and sports organizations that organize matches for cultural, geographical, historical or other reasons are responsible for enforcing sanctions imposed against infringements committed in their area of jurisdiction. If requested, the sanctions passed may be extended to have worldwide effect.

57.2. The judicial bodies of the WMF reserve the right to sanction serious infringements of the statutory objectives of the WMF (cf. final part of art. 2) if associations, confederations and other sports organizations fail to prosecute serious infringements or fail to prosecute in compliance with the fundamental principles of law.

57.3. Associations, confederations and other sports organizations shall notify the judicial bodies of the WMF of any serious infringements of the statutory objectives of the WMF (cf. final part of art. 3).

Article 58 - Friendly matches between two representative teams

58.1. Any disciplinary action to be taken at friendly matches between two representative teams from different associations is the responsibility of that association to which the sanctioned player belongs. However, in serious cases, the Disciplinary Committee may intervene ex officio.

58.2. The associations shall inform the WMF of the sanctions pronounced.

58.3. The WMF ensures compliance with the sanctions by means of this code.

TITLE IV - MATCH OFFICIALS**Article 59 - Referees**

59.1. During matches, disciplinary decisions are taken by the referee.

59.2. These decisions are final.

59.3. In certain circumstances, the jurisdiction of the judicial bodies may apply. Judicial bodies may intervene only in clearly defined situations, including cases of mistaken identity, serious incidents not seen by officials, or matters explicitly falling under their jurisdiction (cf. relevant procedural articles).

TITLE V - JUDICIAL BODIES**Article 60 - Judicial bodies**

The judicial bodies of the WMF are the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Committee.

Disciplinary Committee**Article 61 - General jurisdiction**

The WMF Disciplinary Committee is authorized to sanction any breach of the WMF regulations which does not come under the jurisdiction of another body.

Article 62 - Specific jurisdiction

The Disciplinary Committee is responsible for:

- sanctioning serious infringements which have escaped the match officials' Attention;
- rectifying obvious errors in the referee's disciplinary decisions;
- extending the duration of a match suspension incurred automatically by an expulsion (cf. art 18.4);
- pronouncing additional sanctions, such as a fine.

Article 63 - Procedure for Submitting Protests

Teams may submit protests (fee of €100 shall be remitted to the WMF account prior to the date on which the protest is conducted) against the validation of matches with the result obtained on the field, as follows:

- Before the start of the match, if the right to play of one or more players listed on the match report is contested, clearly stating the reasons;
- During halftime or within 10 minutes after the end of the match, but before the delegates have signed the match report. If more than 10 minutes have elapsed and the delegates have signed the match report, the appeal will no longer be accepted, except in cases of corruption, which are not subject to prescription;
- In the case of player substitution appeals, the referee must ask the contested player to write down his personal details on the match report and ensure that a photo is taken together with the contested player. Protests submitted late or outside the time frame established by these regulations shall be rejected;
- In tournament-type competitions, the Disciplinary Committee meeting shall take place within one hour after the end of the match. Failure of the player to appear is considered an admission of guilt and will be sanctioned accordingly;
- If a player who is not registered with the team, has no right to play in that match, or has obtained registration or transfer by violating the applicable rules (by using false data or misleading procedures), the match shall be lost by forfeit (5–0) in favor of the opposing team, following either the submission of an appeal or the Committee's ex officio initiation.
- If, following a protest, it is proven that a player had no right to play, the team concerned shall lose all matches in which the player was listed and played, with the result recorded as 5–0 in favor of the opposing team.

Appeals Committee

Article 64 - Jurisdiction

The Appeal Committee is responsible for deciding appeals against any of the Disciplinary Committee's decisions that the WMF regulations do not declare as final or referable to another body.

Common Rules of the Judicial Bodies

Article 65 - Composition

65.1. The Executive Committee appoints the members of the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Committee for a period of five years. It designates the number of members deemed necessary for the committees to function properly.

65.2. The Executive Committee appoints the chairman of each committee from amongst the members for the same period of five years.

Article 66 - Meetings

66.1. The committee meetings are deemed to be valid if at least three members are present.

66.2. The meetings shall be held in accordance with working methods adopted by the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Committee and approved by the Executive Committee in accordance with the WMF Statutes

Article 67 - Chairman

67.1. The chairman conducts the meetings and delivers the decisions which this code empowers them to take.

67.2. If the chairman is prevented from attending, the deputy chairman replaces him. If the deputy chairman is prevented from attending, the longest-serving member replaces them.

Article 68 - Independence

68.1. The judicial bodies of the WMF pass their decisions entirely independently; in particular, they shall not receive instructions from any other body.

68.2. A member of another WMF body may not stay in the meeting room during the judicial bodies' deliberations unless they have explicitly summoned him to attend.

Article 69 - Withdrawal

69.1. Members of the judicial bodies of the WMF must decline to participate in any meeting concerning a matter where there are serious grounds for questioning their impartiality.

69.2. This applies in the following cases (amongst others):

- if the member in question has a direct interest in the outcome of the matter;
- if they are associated with any of the parties;
- If they have the same nationality as the party implicated (the association, club, official, player etc.);
- if they have already dealt with the case under different circumstances;

69.3. Members who decline to participate in a meeting on any of the above grounds shall notify the chairman immediately. The parties involved may also raise an objection to a member they believe to be biased.

69.4. The chairman shall decide on any such claim of bias.

69.5. Proceedings that have involved someone whom the chairman has ordered not to participate will be considered null and void.

Article 70 - Confidentiality

70.1. The members of the judicial bodies shall ensure that everything disclosed to them during the course of their duty remains confidential (facts of the case, contents of the deliberations and decisions taken). Failure to do any of the above will see the member(s) sanctioned accordingly.

70.2. Only the contents of those decisions already notified to the addressees may be made public.

Article 71 - Exemption from liability

Except in the case of gross culpability, neither the members of the judicial bodies of the WMF nor the secretariat may be made liable for any deeds or omissions relating to any disciplinary procedure.

Article 72 - Various types of proof

72.1. Any type of proof may be produced.

72.2. Proof that violates human dignity or obviously does not serve to establish relevant facts shall be rejected.

72.3. The following are, in particular, admissible: reports from referees, assistant referees, match commissioners and referee inspectors, declarations from the parties and witnesses, material evidence, expert opinions and audio or video recordings.

Article 73 - Evaluation of proof

73.1. The bodies will have absolute discretion regarding proof.

73.2. They may, in particular, take account of the parties' attitudes during proceedings, especially the manner in which they cooperate with the judicial bodies and the secretariat (cf. art. 81)

73.3. They decide on the basis of their personal convictions.

Article 74 - Match officials' reports

74.1. Facts contained in match officials' reports are presumed to be accurate.

74.2. Proof of the inaccuracy of the contents of these reports may be provided.

74.3. If there is any discrepancy in the reports from the various match officials and there are no means of resolving the different versions of the facts, the referee's report is considered authoritative regarding incidents that occurred on the field of play; the match commissioner's report is considered authoritative regarding incidents that took place outside the field of play.

Article 75 - Burden of proof

75.1. The burden of proof regarding disciplinary infringements rests on WMF.

75.2. In the case of an anti-doping rule violation, it is incumbent upon the suspect to produce the proof necessary to reduce or cancel a sanction. For sanctions to be reduced, the suspect must also prove how the prohibited substance entered his body.

Article 76 - Representation and assistance

76.1. The parties may arrange to have legal representation.

76.2. If they are not required to appear personally, they may be represented.

76.3. The parties are free to choose their own representation and legal representation.

Article 77 - Language used in proceedings

77.1. The language used in proceedings must be English.

77.2. The WMF may, if necessary, use the services of an interpreter.

77.3. If the language used in a decision is not the mother tongue of the person concerned, the association to which the person belongs will be responsible for translating it.

Article 78 - Enforcement of decisions

Decisions come into force as soon as they are communicated

Article 79 - Baseless proceedings

Proceedings may be closed if:

- the parties reach an agreement;
- a party declares bankruptcy;
- They become baseless.

TITLE VI – PROCEDURES**Article 80 - Commencement of proceedings**

80.1. Disciplinary infringements are prosecuted ex officio.

80.2. Any person or body may report conduct that they or it considers incompatible with the regulations of the WMF to the judicial bodies. Such complaints shall be made in writing.

80.3. Match officials are obliged to expose infringements which have come to their notice.

80A.Procedural provisions for disciplinary proceedings and decisions

80A.1. Meeting format

The Committee shall conduct its meetings in person, online, or in a hybrid format. Meetings of the Committee are not public unless otherwise decided by the Chairman.

80A.2. Notification of parties

The Secretary of the Committee shall notify the party or parties about the meeting. Notification may be issued through any reliable means of communication, and a record of such notification shall be maintained. The notification shall include:

- a) identification of the case;
- b) the date of the meeting;
- c) an indication that additional evidence or written submissions, including final statements, may be filed prior to the meeting.

80A.3. The written decision shall be issued and communicated to the parties no later than 3 days from the date of the meeting. In the case of tournament-type competitions, the written decision shall be issued and communicated to the parties on the same day as the meeting or, at the latest, the day after the meeting.

Article 81 - Collaboration by the parties

81.1. The parties are obliged to collaborate to establish the facts. In particular, they shall comply with requests for information from the judicial bodies.

81.2. Whenever deemed necessary, the secretariat verifies the parties' versions of the facts.

81.3. If the parties are dilatory in responding, the chairman of the judicial body may, after warning them, impose a fine of up to 1,000 EUR.

81.4. If the parties fail to collaborate, especially if they ignore the stipulated time limits, the judicial bodies will reach a decision on the case using the file in their possession.

Article 82 - Oral statements

As a general rule, there are no oral statements, and the Disciplinary Committee may decide solely on the basis of the file. The Committee may, at its discretion, arrange oral statements if deemed necessary; however, the absence of oral statements does not affect the validity of the decision, the deadlines for issuing or communicating the decision, or the parties' rights of appeal. This principle also applies in cases governed by Articles 97–105.

Article 83 - Deliberations

- 83.1. The Disciplinary Committee deliberates behind closed doors.
- 83.2. If any oral statements have been heard, they will immediately be followed by deliberations.
- 83.3. Deliberations are conducted without interruption, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- 83.4. The chairman decides in which order the various questions will be submitted for deliberation.
- 83.5. The members present express their opinions in the order set out by the chairman, who always speaks last.
- 83.6. The Committee Secretary has consultative powers only.

Article 84 - Passing the decision

- 84.1. Decisions are passed by a simple majority of the members present.
- 84.2. Every member present shall vote.
- 84.3. If votes are equal, the chairman has the casting vote.

Article 85 - Form and contents of the decision

85.1. Without prejudice to the application of art. 86 below, the decision contains:

- the composition of the committee;
- the names of the parties;
- a summary of the facts;
- the grounds of the decision;
- the provisions on which the decision was based;
- the terms of the decision;
- Notice of the channels for appeal.

85.2. The decisions are signed by the chairman.

Article 86 - Decisions without grounds

86.1. The judicial bodies may decide not to communicate the grounds of a decision and instead communicate only the terms of the decision. At the same time, the parties shall be informed that they have ten days from receipt of the terms of the decision to request, in writing, the grounds of the decision, and that failure to do so will result in the decision becoming final and binding.

86.2. If a party requests the grounds of a decision, the motivated decision will be communicated to the parties in full, written form. The time limit to lodge an appeal, where applicable, begins upon receipt of this motivated decision.

86.3. If the parties do not request the grounds of a decision, a short explanation of the decision shall be recorded in the case files.

Article 87 - Contestable decisions

An appeal may be lodged with the Appeals Committee against any decision passed by the Disciplinary Committee, regardless of the type or severity of the disciplinary measure imposed.

Article 88 - Eligibility to appeal

88.1. Anyone who has been party to the proceedings before the first instance and has a legally protected interest justifying amendment or cancellation of the decision may lodge an appeal with the Appeals Committee.

88.2. Associations may appeal against decisions sanctioning their players, officials or members. They shall have the written agreement of the person concerned.

Article 89 - Unjustified Appeals

Anyone who submits an appeal without legitimate cause or acts abusively in connection with appeals may be sanctioned with a fine (500 EUR).

Article 90 - Time limit for appeal

90.1. Any party intending to appeal must inform the WMF Appeals Committee of its intention to do so in writing within three (3) days of notification of the decision. In the case of a tournament-type competition, the appeal must be submitted immediately, and in any event no later than one (1) day after notification of the decision.

90.2. The reasons for the appeal must then be submitted in writing within a further period of two (2) days. This two-day period starts after the initial deadline for announcing the intention to appeal — meaning after three days for regular competitions or after one day for tournament-type competitions.

In practical terms, for tournament competitions, both the appeal and the reasons for the appeal must be prepared and submitted on an accelerated schedule, with only one day available after the decision is communicated.

90.3. If these requirements have not been complied with, the appeal is inadmissible.

90.4. In urgent cases, the chairman may shorten the deadline for the submission of the reasons for appeal.

90.5. The association receiving the petition of appeal shall forward it immediately to the WMF.

Article 91 - Grounds for appeal

The appellant may object to inaccurate representation of the facts and/or wrong application of the law.

Article 92 - Petition of appeal

92.1. The appellant shall submit his petition of appeal in writing.

92.2. The petition shall include the claim as well as the reasons and means of proof and be signed by the appellant or his representative, subject to art. 88.2

Article 93 - Deposit

93.1. Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal shall transfer an appeal fee of 300 EUR to the WMF's bank account before expiry of the time limit for submitting the reasons for appeal.

93.2. If this requirement has not been complied with, the appeal is inadmissible.

93.3. This amount will be reimbursed to the appellant if they win the case. Costs and expenses payable by an appellant who loses the case are deducted from this amount. Any remaining amount is reimbursed to him. If the deposit is insufficient, the appellant will be ordered to pay the difference.

93.4. If the appeal is considered to be improper, costs and expenses shall be paid in addition to the deposit.

Article 94 - Effects of appeal

94.1. An appeal results in the case being reviewed by the Appeals Committee.

94.2. The appeal does not have a suspensive effect except with regards to orders to pay a sum of money.

Article 95 - Sequence in proceedings leading up to the decision

95.1. The sequence in proceedings is determined as described in this code.

95.2. The decisions are signed by the chairman.

95.3. Decisions may not be amended to the detriment of the party contesting them.

Article 96 - Continuation of the proceedings

The decisions of the Appeals Committee may be appealed exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Lausanne, Switzerland without recourse to the ordinary courts of law.

Article 97 - Introduction to Exceptional Procedures

97.1. Articles 98–105 establish exceptional procedures which may deviate from the standard procedures described in Articles 80–86. In such cases, deadlines, hearing procedures, and appeal terms described in Articles 80–86 may be modified as necessary.

97.2. For tournament-type competitions, emergency or provisional decisions shall be communicated immediately, or at least before the next official match, regardless of standard procedural deadlines.

97.3. Appeals against emergency or provisional decisions follow the specific time limits and procedures in Articles 98–105.

Article 98 - Provisional measures

98.1. If an infringement appears to have been committed and a decision on the main issue cannot be taken early enough, the chairman of the judicial body may, in emergencies, provisionally pronounce, alter or revoke a sanction.

98.2. In similar circumstances, they may take other provisional measures at their discretion, especially to ensure compliance with a sanction already in force.

98.3. They will take action upon request or ex officio.

Article 99 - Procedure

99.1. The chairman shall make his decision based on the evidence available at the time.

99.2. He is not obliged to hear the parties.

Article 100 - Decision

100.1. The chairman delivers his decision immediately.

100.2. That decision is implemented immediately.

Article 101 - Duration

101.1. Provisional measures may not be valid for longer than 30 days.

101.2. This period may be extended only once by 20 days.

101.3. If a sanction has been pronounced provisionally, the duration shall be offset against any final sanction.

Article 102 - Appeal

102.1. An appeal against a decision regarding provisional measures may be lodged with the chairman of the Appeals Committee.

102.2. The time limit for lodging the appeal is three days commencing from the communication of the decision.

102.3. The petition of appeal shall be sent directly to the WMF in writing within the same time limit.

102.4. The appeal shall not have a suspensive effect.

Article 103 - Approval of appeal

The appeal will be inadmissible if the facts stated in the contested decision are inaccurate or if the law has been violated.

Article 104 - Deliberations and decision-taking without meeting

104.1. If the circumstances so require, the secretariat may arrange the deliberations and decision-taking to be conducted via telephone conference, video conference or any other similar method.

104.2. Art. 82.2 is, in this case, not applicable.

104.3. The rapporteur takes minutes as if it were an ordinary meeting.

Article 105 - Emergency Decisions

105.1. In exceptional cases, the Disciplinary Committee may take emergency decisions against any participant in the competition who behaves in a violent or unsporting manner.

105.2. The emergency decision may include:

- The suspension of a match, the withdrawal of three points, or disqualification from the competition;
- The expulsion of a team from the competition;
- The imposition of a stadium ban or a fine.

105.3. The party concerned may appeal against the emergency decision.

105.4. The Disciplinary Committee may impose a stadium ban on a player, official, or other person responsible for an association for matches played by the national team.

105.5. The Disciplinary Committee will issue a final decision on the appeal against an emergency decision as quickly as possible.

Article 106 - Official languages

The code exists in the English language.

Article 107 - Scope of the code, omissions, custom, doctrine and jurisprudence

107.1. This code governs every subject to which the text or the meaning of its provisions refer.

107.2. If there are any omissions in this code, the judicial bodies will decide in accordance with the association's custom or, in the absence of custom, in accordance with rules they would lay down if they were acting as legislators.

107.3. During all their operations, the judicial bodies of the WMF draw on settlements already established by sports doctrine and jurisprudence.

Article 108 - Specific disciplinary rules

Specific disciplinary rules may be introduced for the duration of a WMF finals competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the participating member associations/clubs before the first match of the finals competition at the latest.

TITLE VII - ADOPTION

Article 109 - Adoption and enforcement

The WMF Disciplinary Code was adopted by the WMF Executive Committee on 22 December 2025 and came into force on the same date.

TITLE VIII – ANNEX, TABLE of SANCTIONS and FINES





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Article	Offence	Sanction	Fine (EUR)	Additional Notes
Art. 18 Caution				
18.2.	Two cautions received during the same match incur an expulsion (indirect red card)	1 match	50 E	
18.3.	If a player receives a caution in two consecutive matches of the same WMF competition	1 match		This rule applies throughout the whole competition and the player's record will not be wiped after the group games (except for finals, where the player who got two yellow cards in two different games - usually the quarter and semi-final matches, is allowed to play).
18.4.	4 caution		100 E	
Art. 36 Misconduct vs opponents/others				
36.1.	Denying the opposing team a clear goal-scoring opportunity	1 match	50 E	
36.2.	Serious foul play (particularly in the case of excessive or brute force)	at least 1 match	50 E - 200 E	
36.3.a	Assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking etc.) - clear violent action but no injury caused	2 - 5 matches	100 E - 350 E	
36.3.b	Assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking etc.) - dangerous action or resulting injury	6 - 12 matches - 6 months	350 E - 700 E	Possible indefinite exclusion for extreme cases
36.4.	Spitting	4 - 12 matches - 6 months	200 E - 800 E	
36.5.	Spitting as an act of protest	2 - 4 matches - 1 month	100 E - 300 E	
Art. 37 Misconduct vs match officials				
37.1.	Assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking etc.)	2 - 12 matches - 6 months	100 E - 700 E	Possible indefinite exclusion for extreme cases
37.2.	Spitting	6 - 14 matches - 1 year	400 E - 1000 E	
37.3.	Spitting as an act of protest	3 - 5 matches - 2 months	200 E - 400 E	
Art. 38.1.	Brawl/Fight involvement	4 - 12 matches - 1 year	300 E - 1200 E	Possible indefinite exclusion for extreme cases
Art. 40 Team misconduct				
40.1.	The referee sanctions at least four members of the same team during a match (caution or expulsion)		100 E	
40.2.	Several players or officials from the same team threaten or harass match officials or other persons		500 E - 1000 E	
Art. 41 Inciting hatred or violence				
41.1.	If the offender is a player or coach	2 - 12 matches	300 E - 750 E	
41.2.	If the offender is an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.)	2 months	450 E - 900 E	
41.3.	In serious cases, particularly when the infringement is committed through mass media (such as the press, radio, or television) or occurs on a match day in or around the stadium		500 E - 1500 E	
Art. 42 Provoking the general public				
42.1.	If the offender is a player or coach	2 - 10 matches	400 E - 1200 E	
42.2.	If the offender is an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.)	1 month - 1 year	400 E - 1200 E	
Art. 43 Irregular participation in a match				
43.1.	Player takes part in an official/friendly match despite being ineligible	2 - 6 matches	300 E	Also his team shall be sanctioned by forfeiting the match (5 - 0) and and fined between 500 EUR.
43.2.a	The refusal of a player, coach to immediately leave the field of play or the substitute bench after being sent off by the referee, resulting in a delay or stoppage of the match	1 - 3 matches	150 E	
43.2.b	The refusal of an official to immediately leave the field of play or the substitute bench after being sent off by the referee, resulting in a delay or stoppage of the match	1 month	300 E	

43.3.a	The act of a substitute player, coach entering the field of play without the referee's permission or in an irregular manner, with the intention of interrupting, delaying, or disturbing the match, or to gain an advantage for their team	2 - 5 matches	250 E	
43.3.b	The act of other official entering the field of play without the referee's permission or in an irregular manner, with the intention of interrupting, delaying, or disturbing the match, or to gain an advantage for their team	1 month	300 E	
43.4.	The act of persons on the substitute bench throwing a ball or any other object onto the field during the match, with the intention of interrupting, disturbing, delaying the match, or creating an advantage for their team	2 matches	150 E	
Art. 44 Unplayed match and abandonment				
44.1.	If a match cannot take place or cannot be played in full for reasons other than force majeure, but due to the behavior of a team or behavior for which an association or a team is liable	Forfeit (5 - 0) or replay match	500 E	
44.2.	In serious cases, additional sanctions pursuant to art.13 may be imposed on the association or team concerned.			Article 13 - Sanctions applicable to legal persons The following sanctions are applicable only to legal persons: • playing a match without spectators; • annulment of match result; • forfeit (5 – 0); • points deduction • suspension/expulsion from the WMF;
44.3.a	Any team that refuses to play a match, to continue a match that has already started, or to return to the field for the continuation of a match interrupted for a period of three (3) minutes as stipulated by the regulations	forfeit the match by a score of 5–0 and shall be deducted three (3) points in the rankings	750 E	first offence
44.3.b	Any team that refuses to play a match, to continue a match that has already started, or to return to the field for the continuation of a match interrupted for a period of three (3) minutes as stipulated by the regulations	forfeit the match by a score of 5–0 and shall be deducted four (4) points in the rankings	1000 E	second offence
44.4.a	The withdrawal of a team from a competition during its course (except in cases of force majeure), an action that affects the image of the competition, the determination of sporting rankings, and/or causes reputational or material damage to the organizers	excluded from the competition	2000 E	* All results obtained up to the moment of withdrawal shall be annulled and recorded as 5–0 victories in favour of the opposing teams, if the act occurs during the group stage of the competition. * Players registered at the start of the competition (according to the official participation list) shall be suspended for one (1) year from all competitions organized under the authority of the WMF and the continental federations.
Art. 45 Offensive behavior and fair play violations				
	Anyone who insults someone in any way, especially by using offensive gestures or language, or who violates the principles of fair play or whose behavior is unsporting in any other way	3 - 8 matches	200 E - 1000 E	
Art. 46 Discrimination				
46.1.a.	If a player or coach offends the dignity of a person or group of persons through contemptuous, discriminatory or derogatory words or actions concerning race, colour, language, religion or origin	6 - 12 matches	500 E - 1000 E	
46.1.b.	If an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team offends the dignity of a person or group of persons through contemptuous, discriminatory or derogatory words or actions concerning race, colour, language, religion or origin	2 - 6 months	500 E - 1000 E	
46.1.c.	Several persons (officials and/or players) from the same team or association simultaneously breach art. 46.1. or there are other aggravating circumstances	The team concerned may be deducted three points for a first offence and six points for a second offence		A further offence may result in relegation to a lower division. In the case of matches in which no points are awarded, the team may be disqualified from the competition.

46.2.a.	Supporters of a team breach art. 46.1. at a match		1000 E - 2000 E	Shall be imposed on the association or club concerned regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight.
46.2.b.	Serious offences may be punished with additional sanctions	To play a match behind closed doors, the forfeit of a match, a points deduction or disqualification from the competition.		
46.3	Spectators who breach par. 46.1.	A stadium ban of at least two years		
Art. 47 Threats to officials				
47.1.	If a player or coach intimidates a match official (referee, player, coach, match observer, etc.) with serious threats	1 - 6 matches	300 E - 800 E	
47.2.	If an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team intimidates a match official (referee, player, coach, match observer, etc.) with serious threats	1 - 6 months	300 E - 800 E	
48 Coercion				
48.1.	If a player or coach ,without physical aggression or violence, uses violence or threats to pressure a match official into taking certain action or to hinder them in any other way from acting freely)	2 - 8 matches	200 E - 500 E	
48.2.	If an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team, without physical aggression or violence, uses violence or threats to pressure a match official into taking certain action or to hinder them in any other way from acting freely)	1 - 4 months	200 E - 500 E	
48.3.	If a player or coach ,with physical aggression or violence, uses violence or threats to pressure a match official into taking certain action or to hinder them in any other way from acting freely)	8 - 15 matches	600 E - 1200 E	
48.4.	If an official (such as a member of the managerial staff, team manager, sports director, medical staff, etc.) belonging to a participating team, with physical aggression or violence, uses violence or threats to pressure a match official into taking certain action or to hinder them in any other way from acting freely)	4 - 8 months	600 E - 1200 E	
Art. 49 Forgery/Falsification				
49.1.	Anyone who, in Minifootball-related activities, forges a document, falsifies an authentic document or uses a forged or falsified document to deceive in legal relations will be sanctioned with a fine.			* An association may be held liable for an infringement as defined in art. 46.1 committed by one of its officials and/or players. In such a case, disciplinary sanctions will be imposed on the association in accordance with the principles of objective liability.
49.2.	If the perpetrator is a player	at least 6 matches	500 E	* A team may be held liable for an infringement as defined in par. 48.1 committed by one of its officials and/or players. In such a case, an expulsion from a competition and/or a transfer ban may be pronounced in addition to a fine for the club concerned.
49.3	If the perpetrator is an official	at least 12 months	1000 E	
Art. 50 Corruption				
50.1.	Anyone who offers, promises or grants an unjustified advantage to a body of the WMF, a match official, a player or an official on behalf of himself or a third party in an attempt to incite it or him to violate the regulations of the WMF		1000 E - 3000 E	* A ban on taking part in any Minifootball-related activity and with a ban on entering any venue
50.2.	Passive corruption (soliciting, being promised or accepting an unjustified advantage)		1000 E - 3000 E	* A ban on taking part in any Minifootball-related activity and with a ban on entering any venue
50.6.	Anyone who, in connection with betting or similar activities, engages in conduct aimed at influencing the outcome of a match or competition, especially for financial gain,	at least 10 matches	1000 E - 3000 E	
50.7.	Anyone (players, officials, or persons closely connected to an association) who directly or indirectly influences the course or outcome of a match to gain an advantage in betting or gaming activities	at least 5 years	1000 E - 3000 E	In serious cases, additional sanctions such as disqualification from the competition may be imposed

Art. 51	Doping	As per WMF Anti-Doping Regulations		
Art. 51A	Alcohol Consumption and Alcohol-Related Misconduct			
51A.3.a	For alcohol consumption in official areas or during official activities	1 - 3 matches (players and technical staff) 1 - 2 months (non technical staff)	100 E	
51A.3.b	For appearing under the influence of alcohol at official activities, including matches	2 - 6 matches (players and technical staff) 2 - 4 months (non technical staff)	300 E	
51A.3.c	For serious or repeated cases, especially when they affect the conduct of a competition, endanger the safety of other persons, harm the image of the WMF	6 months - 1 year	600 E	Possible indefinite ban from participating in Minifootball activities in extreme cases
51A.4	if it is proven that Associations tolerated, concealed, or failed to report the behavior of their members who violated this article		600 E - 1000 E	
Art. 52	Match Organisation Obligations	The match shall not start unless both teams are clearly distinguishable. If the visiting team fails to change its equipment within ten (10) minutes from the official kick-off time, the match shall be forfeited (5–0) in favour of the opposing team.		
Art. 54	Liability for spectator conduct			
54.1.	The home association or home team is liable for improper conduct (<i>violence towards persons or objects, letting off incendiary devices, throwing missiles, displaying insulting or political slogans in Any form, uttering insulting words or sounds, or invading the pitch</i>) among spectators, regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight		may be fined	Matches played on a neutral ground
Art. 56	Unlawfully influencing match results			
56.1.	Anyone who conspires to influence the result of a match in a manner contrary to sporting ethics	* 1 Match suspension * A ban on taking part in any Minifootball-related activity	1000 E - 3000 E	In the case of a player or official unlawfully influencing the result of a match In accordance with par 56.1, the team or association to which the player or official represents may be fined. Serious offences may be sanctioned with expulsion from a competition, relegation to a lower division, a point deduction and the return of awards.
Art. 63	Protests		100 E	Before the start of the match, during halftime or within 10 minutes after the end of the match, but before the delegates have signed the match report
Art. 81	Common Rules of the Judicial Bodies - Collaboration by the parties			
81.3.	If the parties are dilatory in responding		* warning * up to 1000 E	
Art. 93	Deposit (protest/appeal fee)		300 E	

* in case of inconsistency between the values in the table and the articles, the articles have priority.



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