

IFA REGULATIONS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. Organizing Association / Host

The following World Championships are organized by the organizer International Fistball Association (IFA):

- IFA Fistball Men's World Championship
- IFA Fistball Women's World Championship
- IFA Fistball U18 Men's and Women's World Championships

The aforementioned competitions are initiated by IFA and shall be held in accordance with these regulations.

The IFA assigns the hosting of the event to a member association, a candidate city, or a candidate association/club.

The host may seek an organizing committee (OC) to carry out the event. The organizer IFA further agrees that all rights and obligations arising from this contract may be delegated and transferred by the host at its own discretion at any time. The transfer may be made in whole or in part.

The IFA Competition Rules (IFCR) forms the basis for all items which are not stated in detail and for every doubtful case.

2. Basics / General Information

All competitions shall be governed by at the time of the competition current

- IFA Statutes
- Fistball - Rules of the Game
- IFA Competition Rules (IFCR)
- IFA Stadium Regulations
- Official Bulletins

The general terms player, coach, head of delegation, referee, linesman etc. refer to both male and female persons.

The IFA Sports Commission is solely responsible and accountable for all sports-related matters and the technical implementation of the event. The host is responsible for the organization and implementation of the event.



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3. Fixture / Schedule

IFA Fistball World Championships are held according to the following schedule:

- IFA Fistball Men's World Championship: every four years
- IFA Fistball Women's World Championship: every four years
- IFA Fistball U18 Women's and Men's World Championships: every two years

The IFA Fistball World Championships are hosted subject to a minimum participation of six member associations originating from at least two continents.

Exceptions may be granted by the IFA Board of Directors following a consultation of the member federations.

The maximum quota is 16 teams. If more than 16 teams register for the event qualifiers according to quota for the Regional Associations have to be played.

The date and duration of the World Championships is fixed by the IFA Board of Directors in agreement with the hosting member association.

Guideline:

- 14-16 participating teams: 5-8 days
- 9-13 participating teams: 4-6 days
- Less than 9 participating teams: 3-4 days
- U18: Target 4 days

A match schedule is drawn up by the IFA Sports Commission.

4. Bidding / Awarding

As a general rule, the host of an IFA Fistball World Championship is designated by the IFA Congress.

If the Congress fails to decide on a host association or if the decision has to be taken between two Congresses, the designation shall be made by the Board of Directors.

Associations wishing to host an IFA Fistball World Championship which is awarded by the IFA Congress shall submit their application sixteen weeks prior to the beginning of the Congress to the IFA Secretary General.

IFA Fistball World Championships which are awarded by the IFA Board of Directors shall be awarded in a bidding process run by the IFA Secretary General.

5. Consultation before Bidding / after Awarding

To all potential hosts: Please do not hesitate to contact IFA Secretary General under office@ifa.sport at any time within the bidding process for consultation concerning the bid.

IFA will provide all potential bidders showing interest the same support to prepare their bidding document.

Once awarded, the IFA will support the host with an IFA Competition Manager in the preparation of the event to run the event on the best level possible.

6. Delegations

A delegation consists of up to ten players, up to three coaches and a head of delegation, fourteen persons in total.

The official delegation may be enlarged by further persons (not more than six) at the expense of the delegation concerned.

7. Economic conditions (see also Appendix 01)

The host meets in general the following costs:

- Costs for preparing, organizing and hosting the event (e.g. infrastructure incl. meeting rooms and working space e.g. of the IFA Technical Delegate, adequate and effective marketing and PR-activities, advertising, material, security, support of delegations and media representatives, volunteers, insurances, VIP area, press center, TV production and/or live streaming, media analyses with a professional agency)
- Costs for travel for:
 - pre-event visits of the designated IFA Competition Manager and/or the IFA Technical Delegate and/or IFA Head of Media of the event (max. 5 visits)
 - referees (up to 8): The referees are nominated by the IFA Sports Commission. The quotas (which countries) are agreed between the organizer IFA and the host.
 - IFA Competition Manager (1)
 - IFA Technical Delegate (1)
 - IFA Referee Director (1)
 - IFA technical Staff (3)
 - IFA Head of Media (1)
 - IFA Video Manager (1)
 - IFA media staff (2)

The selection of media and technical staff is made in consultation with the host.

- Costs for lodging for
 - Referees (up to 8)
 - Lines men (up to 10)
 - IFA Competition Manager (1)
 - IFA Technical Delegate (1)
 - IFA Referee Director (1)
 - IFA Technical Staff (3)
 - IFA Head of Media (1)
 - IFA Video Manager (1)
 - IFA media staff (2)
 - Commentary (2)
 - FICS (2)
 - IFA Delegation (up to 12)
 - IFA Guests (50 nights MWC/35 WWC/15 U18WC)
- Costs for boarding for (on a VIP basis):
 - Referees (up to 8)
 - Lines men (up to 10)
 - IFA Competition Manager (1)
 - IFA Technical Delegate (1)
 - IFA Referee Director (1)
 - IFA Technical Staff (3)
 - IFA Head of Media (1)
 - IFA Video Manager (1)

- IFA media staff (2)
- IFA Media team (incl. volunteers)
- Commentary (2)
- FICS (2)
- Volunteers (not on a VIP basis)
- IFA Delegation (up to 12)
- IFA Guests

Costs for lodging and boarding have to be covered for a period of twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the competition until twenty-four hours after the end of the competition (for members originating from another continent, this time frame shall be extended to forty-eight hours prior to the beginning of the competition). Accommodation in a single room. An accompanying person has to pay the difference to the price of a double room.

- **Costs for transfer:**

- Transfer of delegations from/to nearest airport or train station
- Transportation of the delegations from all official accommodations to the stadiums selected for training and matches.
- Transportation of Members of the IFA Board of Directors to/from all official accommodations to the stadiums and from/to nearest airport/train station.

- **Costs for Protocol:**

- Costs for one Welcome Dinner for all delegations (+ IFA Board of Directors + Host/Organizing Committee) at the beginning of the event (approx. 250-300 people) and for U18 with following player's night
- Costs for mementos for all members of the delegations, referees and lines referees, IFA Board of Directors and guests of honor at MWC and WWC
- IFA Congress (at IFA Fistball Men's World Championships obligatory, other if necessary): Costs for location, simultaneous translation (German and English only at IFA Fistball Men's World Championships), branding, technical equipment (e.g. projector, loudspeaker etc.) and refreshments.

- **Ticketing**

- Accreditations (incl. seating on VIP-Tribune) for all members of the IFA Board of Directors, Chairs of IFA Commissions, members of the IFA Communication Commission and IFA staff.
- Additional 50 free tickets –
 - 20 VIP-tickets,
 - 30 tickets for reserved seatfor whole duration of tournament.

- **IFA Fee of**

- 30.000,00 € for the IFA Fistball Men's World Championship
- 10.000,00 € for the IFA Fistball Women's World Championship
- 3.500 € each for the IFA Fistball U18 Men's and Women's World Championships (a 30% discount will be granted if both competitions are entered.)

in two rates: first half of the amount 6 months prior to the event and second half 3 month after the event.

- **Additional requirements:**
 - The host has to provide a tent for the FICS post at the event compound (close to the warm-up courts)
The FICS post can NOT overtake the event First-Aid post!
It is recommended to use the first-aid post (medical examination room) for players and referees in emergencies also for wounded spectators. It shall be situated in the direct proximity to the dressing rooms and the field of play and easily accessible from the stadium exit. The doors and corridors to this room must have a width allowing access with stretchers and wheelchairs too.
 - It's mandatory to provide necessary equipment (e.g. T-Shirts, Shorts, rain jacket etc.) for all volunteers. The host has to buy equipment from the official IFA teamwear partner (2025: Erima). IFA provides special prices for the host.
 - Costs for the Anti-Doping testing within the event (In-Competition-Testing)

IFA meet in general the following cost:

- Costs for the event related preparing the event of the designated IFA Competition Manager and/or the IFA Technical Delegate of the event (Exception: costs of the pre-event visits)
- Costs for the event related work of the IFA Communication Commission
- Costs for the event related work of the IFA Marketing Department
- Costs for the Anti-Doping testing before event start (Out-of-Competition-Testing)
- Costs of all official event medals (gold – silver – bronze)
- Costs for preparing and sending out of all official documents for delegations, referees and IFA officials.
- Costs for IFA Event boxes and sending to host
- National flags (1,5 x 1m)
- National anthems
- OTT video platform fistball.tv

The participating federations have to meet the following costs:

- Costs for travel to the nearest airport
- Costs for lodging for all delegation members
- Costs for boarding (exception: Welcome Dinner) for all delegation members

8. Assignment and exploitation of commercial rights

- (1) All revenues from the worldwide exploitation of marketing, media, and all other commercial rights currently known or arising in the future shall be fully and exclusively attributable to IFA.
- (2) IFA transfers the following commercial rights for the duration of the event to the host:
 - a) Marketing rights (perimeter advertising, commercials, sponsorship, etc.)
 - b) Media rights in the host country
 - c) Event rights
 - d) Merchandising rights
 - e) Ticketing rights
 - f) Right to sell food and beverages (public catering)

The proceeds and income from these rights are entirely attributable to the host. Excluded from this transfer are the following rights:

- ball rights
- international media rights (TV/Streaming outside of host country)
- advertising rights at the net and at the protective covers
- parasols for referees and players (inside the Court)
- advertising opposite the leading TV camera from the center line to the left end of the barricade. This means a total of 33 meters from 196 meters total length of the barricade respectively 33 meters from 66 meters within the camera view. When using LED boards or comparable systems, a corresponding presence as a replacement has been agreed between the organizer IFA and the host.
- advertising on the field of play (grass)
- right to work together with team wear suppliers other than the official IFA team wear supplier
- a paved ground of 40 m² for IFA and IFA partners

Advertising for tobacco/e-cigarettes or pornographic content/products/services and sex in general is prohibited.

8a) Exclusive international media rights

- (1) The following rights are exclusively reserved for the organizer IFA for the territory outside the host country ("International"):
 - a) Live broadcast rights
 - b) Reuse rights
 - c) Highlight and clip rights (including near-live clips)
 - d) Video-on-demand and streaming rights
 - e) Archive rights
 - i) Virtual and augmented reality rights
- (2) The organizer IFA is entitled to the income from the international exploitation of these rights.

8b) Exclusive national rights

The organizer is exclusively entitled to all media rights for the host's national territory, in particular:

- a) Live broadcast rights
- b) Post-broadcast rights
- c) Highlight and clip rights
- d) Video-on-demand and streaming rights
- e) Archive rights
- i) Virtual and augmented reality rights

8c) News access and reporting

- (1) Both parties are entitled to news access and reporting rights worldwide.

8d) Social media and digital

- (1) Both parties are entitled to social media and digital rights worldwide.

8e) Betting data and statistics

- (1) Both parties are entitled to betting data and statistics worldwide.

9. TV/livestream production

(1) The host

- a) produces a live TV signal from Center Court in HD quality in accordance with the requirements of the IFA stadium regulations.
- b) shall make the produced signal available to the organizer IFA free of charge for international exploitation and subsequent use in the required formats (clean feed / with English commentary). The feed with English commentary will be transferred directly to the OTT platform fistball.tv operated by the IFA. The clean feed is sent to a distribution solution provided by the IFA (e.g., AWS Media Services, SRT, or comparable) to enable flexible further use by international broadcast partners, media platforms, and other OTT services.
- c) Provides the organizer IFA with technically flawless highlight clips.
- d) Ensures English commentary on the live stream from Center Court.
- e) The choice of production company and its commissioning is the responsibility of the host. The organizer IFA can provide advisory support or take over the negotiations on behalf of the organizer.
- f) For men's/women's World Championships (desirable for U18 World Championships): All matches must also be produced on all other match courts; the transmission quality of the secondary courts may differ from that of the production on Center Court.

(2) The organizer IFA:

- a) provides the necessary international distribution infrastructure (e.g., AWS Media Services, SRT, or comparable).
- b) shall provide all necessary access, destination addresses, and stream keys in good time before the start of the event.

- (3) The livestream shall be broadcast via fistball.tv in any case. If the host sells the media rights domestically, the broadcast on fistball.tv will be geo-blocked.

10. Stadium regulations

The host has to fulfill the requirements of the enclosed "IFA - Stadium Regulations" (Appendix 02).

11. Press and media work

The host obligates to ensure comprehensive media and social media coverage of the event in German and English, especially on the days of the event.

12. Event logo / event design / publications

The corporate design guidelines of the organizer IFA (as amended in February 2025) apply to the event design, in particular to the use of the IFA logo. The event logo, the event design (look of venue) have to be sent for approval latest 1 week before production to office@ifa.sport

As soon as possible latest 1 year before the event the host has to provide an event logo for approval to office@ifa.sport

Guidelines for the event logo:

- Official event name in English should be part of the logo
- visibility also in small size (e.g. 9 cm²)

IFA recommends that the official event homepage should also reflect the event design.

13. Volunteer program

The host has to establish an official volunteer program according to the general IFA Volunteer Event Concept. IFA will support the volunteer program e.g. through an education program.

14. Youth program / IFA Youth Camp

The host should with the help of the IFA Youth Commission offer a youth program / IFA Youth Camp within the framework of the World Championships.

15. Sustainability and environmental protection

The host is obliged to run a sustainable event fulfilling not all environmental laws but also environment friendly.

The organizer IFA follows the guidelines of the UN Global Compact and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We contribute to the following SDGs with specific actions:

SDG 3 - Good health and well-being

SDG 4 - Quality education

SDG 5 - Gender equality

SDG 12 - Responsible consumption and production

SDG 13 - Climate action

Sustainability is a core department within the host's organization. The host will develop a concept for integrating sustainability into the event.

16. Security and medical service at venue

The host has to provide a security and a medical service at the venue wherever necessary.

17. Post event reporting

The host has to provide ever 6 month a written report concerning the planning and preparation for the event.

Latest 3 months after the event the host has to provide a written final report in English about the event as part of the IFA-Transfer-of-knowledge-Program for future hosts.

A media analyses (including TV coverage and print) has to be part of this final report covering at least 14 days before and post the event.

18. Awards / Awards Ceremony / Protocol Guidelines

14 medals will be presented to each of the three top teams in the competition, i.e. gold medals to the winner, silver medals to the team ranked second and bronze medals to the team ranked third.

The organizer IFA and the host must each be represented by at least one representative at the award ceremony. The awards ceremony will be held by the IFA President.

Protocol guidelines for the ceremony will be issued by the IFA Committee.

19. Insurance Cover / Liability

The participating associations shall provide adequate insurance cover against illness and accidents.

The IFA, the host association and the organizer shall be discharged from liability thereto.

The host has to provide IFA at latest 1 months prior to the event a liability insurance contract.

20. IFA service provider offer

IFA offers to overtake the main and coordinating tasks in press and media work for the host with its own media team (up to 14 people). The costs for that media package are 500 EUR per event day + travel expenses (0.21 € per driven km) as well as accommodation and full board from the day before the event until the following day of the event.

IFA offers to overtake and coordinate the

- banner production,
- TV production,
- Stadium TV production,
- Volunteer outfit
- sports presentation and
- simultaneous translation

according to special agreements.

The host receives an offer for a complete package (without costs for signal transmission) for the TV / streaming production from IFA. So far as IFA submits the most economic offer or the offer of IFA is maximum 20% above a comparable offer of a third party, the IFA offer must be commissioned at latest 9 months before the event for quality assurance by the host.

Appendix 01 Overview Economic Conditions IFA Fistball World Championships

ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRPITION	COST HOST	COST IFA	COST TEAMS
Participating teams	12 - 16	Travelling Expenses			X
		Accommodation & Full Board			X
		Transfer to/from air- port/train station	X		
		Transfer to/from venue	X		
IFA Referee(s)	Up to 8	Travelling Expenses	X		
		Accommodation & Full Board	X		
		Transfer to/from airport	X		
		Transfer to/from venue	X		
IFA Welcome Dinner	250-300	All players, IFA, host, media	X		
IFA fee	30.000,- € 10.000,- € 3.500,- € each	½ each 6 months prior to event and 3 month after	X		
Pre-event visits (if necessary)	Up to 5	Travelling Expenses	X		
	Maximum 5 nights	Accommodation	X		
IFA Competition Man- ager	1	Travelling Expenses	X		
		Accommodation & Full Board	X		
		Working		X	
IFA Technical Delegate	1	Travelling Expenses	X		
		Accommodation & Full Board	X		
		Working		X	
IFA Referee Director	1	Travelling Expenses	X		
		Accommodation & Full Board	X		
		Working		X	
IFA Technical Staff	3	Travelling Expenses	X		
		Accommodation & Full Board	X		
		Working		X	
IFA Head of Media	1	Travelling Expenses	X		
		Accommodation & Full Board	X		
		Working		X	
IFA Video Manager	1	Travelling Expenses	X		

		Accommodation & Full Board	X
		Working	X
IFA Media Team	2	Travelling Expenses	X
		Accommodation & Full Board	X
		Working	X
Commentary	2	Travelling Expenses	X
		Accommodation & Full Board	X
		Working	X
IFA Delegation	Up to 12	Travelling Expenses	X
		Accommodation & Full Board	X
IFA Guests	Maximum 50 35 15 nights	Accommodation & Full Board in the official IFA hotel	X
		VIP Accreditation incl. seating	X
Livestream	Every day	Minimum 2 cameras (details see stadium regulations)	X
Event-Logo & -Design			X
Venue dressing			X
Moderation & DJ			X
Volunteer Outfit		Mandatory to buy Erima (2025) outfit	X
Marketing			X
Insurance			X
Security			X
Medical service at venue			X
WIFI at venue			X
Mementos/presents	Max 300	for every team member, IFA, host	X
Trophies	12 - 16	for each teams	X
Website/Facebook			X
Medals	42 / 84 for U18	14 for each team ranked 1 – 3	X
Balls	12 - 16		X
Doping Controls		Out of Competition testing	X
Doping Controls		In Competition testing	X
VIP Tickets	20	for IFA, for whole duration of the event	X

Seat Tickets	30	Especially for IFA International Referees	X
Transport		Referees, Officials, Teams, IFA-Board	X
Congress	1 day	Location, equipment, refreshments	X
Reporting			X

Appendix 02 IFA Stadium Regulations