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1. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

1.1. International Federation

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1.3. Management of the Competition

Technical Delegates: Mr. Roberto GRASSI (ITA)

Competition Manager: Mr. Manfredi MARTINO (ITA)

2. TECHNICAL MILESTONES

DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
1 March	Opening of on-line Accreditation and Sport Entries on-line system
16 March	Official Communication by ICMG and OCMG to the NOCs and upload to the Games GMS platform of all Taranto 2026 Operations Guides and Manuals
26-30 March	CoCom Visit to Taranto – CoCom + OCMG Meeting on the 27 th March 2026
27-30 March	Chefs de Mission Seminar
28 March	Joint Meeting ICMG CoCom - IFs Technical Delegates - OCMG Sport Department

DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
23 April (at 23:59 CEST)	Deadline for the Entries by Number and by Event (preliminary entries)
	Settlement of the guarantee deposit for team sports
18 May (at 23:59 CEST)	Deadline for the Preliminary Entries by name of athletes and officials (Long List)
	Deadline for provisional Arrivals & Departures Forms
27-28-29-30 May	ICMG CoCom and SPC visit
29 May (Taranto)	Draw of team groups of all team sports, in the presence of a representative of the relevant IFs, (open to Chefs de Mission)
	Meeting for the eventual suppression of events without sufficient number of entries and publication of the Final Sport Programme
	Updating of the Daily Competition Schedule
	Deadline for the accreditation of VIPs and Dignitaries
15 June	Opening of the Entries by Name (SEQ – Short List)
30 June	CoCom visit & ICMG ExCo meeting
14 July (at 23:59 CEST)	Deadline for the Entries by Name (Short List)
15 July	Deadline for confirmation of Arrivals & Departure Forms (ADS)
	Opening of the Late Athlete Replacement procedure (LAR)
	Opening of the D.DRM for the NOCs (on-line)
15-17 August	End of F.DRM
18 August	Opening of the Mediterranean Village and beginning of the trainings
18-19 August	ICMG meetings / ExCo meeting
20 August	ICMG General Assembly
21 August	Opening Ceremony of the Taranto 2026 Mediterranean Games



DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
3 September	Closing Ceremony of the Taranto 2026 Mediterranean Games
5 September	Closing of the Mediterranean Village

Note: CoCom visits are subject to future scheduling

3. THE COMPETITION OF FOOTBALL

3.1. Sport Program

The competition of Football at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will be as follows:

QUOTAS PER NOC			MEN'S EVENTS	WOMEN'S EVENTS	MIXED EVENTS
M	W	T			
18	18	36	1	1	0

EVENTS	
Men	Women
-21 years	-18 years
TEAM TOURNAMENT	TEAM TOURNAMENT

3.2. Dates and Venues

The Football competition will take place from **Sunday 23 August to Tuesday 1 September 2026**, at the following venues:

Competition venues	Distances from Village	Municipality	Capacity
IACOVONE STADIUM	7,8 KM	TARANTO	24.000
ETTORE GIARDINIERO STADIUM	113,0 KM	LECCE	41.000
FANUZZI STADIUM	73,0 KM	BRINDISI	7.500
GIOVANNI PAOLO II STADIUM	36,0 KM	FRANCAVILLA FONTANA	3.500



4. RULES OF THE COMPETITION

4.1. Conditions for running the Competition

The competition of Football will take place if a minimum of eight (8) countries is entered, for the men competition and, a minimum of six (6) countries for the women competition, by 23:59 (Italian time) on **Thursday 23 April 2026**.

4.2. Cancellation of Events

According to the number of confirmed entries, the President of the ICMG Sports Programme Commission (SPC) together with one (1) or two (2) members of the said Commission, appointed by the ICMG President and in the presence of the OGMG Taranto 2026 Sports Director, will decide on Friday 29 May 2026 on the staging or not of the Competition.

Once the event has been confirmed, it will be held and the corresponding medals and diplomas will be distributed, regardless of the number of participants.

The OCMG Taranto 2026 will inform immediately all the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of the staging of the competition or not, depending on the number of Teams entered.

5. TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

The FIGC, under the supervision of the Technical Delegate(s), is responsible for the technical organization and for the development of the Football Competition during the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026.

5.1. Special procedures for the development of the Competition

Any issue that may arise prior or during the events will be resolved by Competition Management, as per ICMG rules, in force on 1 January 2026, unless the ICMG exceptionally authorizes otherwise.

The exact measures to be taken regarding the organization of the Football Competition will depend on the final number of participants.

Three (3) substitutions will be allowed during each match.

The matches will last two (2) equal periods of forty-five (45) minutes, with fifteen (15) halftime.

In case of a tie at the end of the standard match length during semi-finals and finals, the Teams will break the tie directly with penalty kicks.

5.2. Drawing of the lots and composition of the Groups

Depending on the final number of countries registered for the Football competition, on **Friday 23 April 2026** (23:59, Italian time), the management of the competition will define the competition's organization system.

The drawing of the lots for the composition of the Groups will take place on **Friday 25 May 2026** and it will follow ICMG rules.

The Draw Committee will be composed of:

- President of ICMG SPC Commission, or his representative.
- Technical Delegate(s).
- OCMG Taranto 2026 Competition Manager for Football.
- OCMG Taranto 2026 Sport Director.

In order to obtain homogenous pools when determining the seeds, the Draw Committee will consider the playing level of the participating teams, notably in terms of the results of the last Mediterranean Games and the information it has.

Representatives of the participating countries, the media and the public will be allowed to attend the Draw.

5.3. Groups

Note: The OCMG Taranto 2026 will determine the exact composition of the groups and the format of the tournament only once the final entries are completed and the teams defined.

5.3.1. Tournament organized with the participation of between six (6) and eight (8) Teams.

The Teams will be grouped together in two (2) Pools A and B as follows:

N° teams	Pool A	Pool B
6	3	3
7	3	4
8	4	4

Within each Pool, each Team will play the other Teams once, to determine the Pool Ranking.



Semi-Finals

The two (2) best ranked Teams in each Pool will meet as follows: semi-final 2nd semi-final

1st semi-final	2 nd semi-final
1 ^o A-2 ^o B	1 ^o B-2 ^o A

Finals

The finals will be disputed as follows:

- The winners of the two Semi-Finals for the 1st and 2nd places.
- The losers of the two Semi-Finals for the 3rd and 4th places.

5.3.2. Tournament organized with the participation of between nine (9) and eleven (11) Teams.

Teams will be split into three (3) Pools, A, B and C, as follows: Number of

N ^o teams	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C
9	3	3	3
10	3	3	4
11	3	4	4

Within each Pool, each Team will play the other Teams once, to determine the Pool Ranking.

Semi-Finals

For a nine-(9) Team Tournament, the 1st- ranked Team of each Pool and the 2nd best ranked Team of the 3-team pool will qualify for the Semi-Finals.

The choice of the best 2nd Team will be made as follows:

1. The Team that has the best total of points.
2. The Team that has the best goal average.
3. In case of a tie, a draw will take place.

Depending on the pool to which the 2nd- best Team belongs or the one drawn, the Teams will play as follows:

Classified	1st semi-final	2 nd semi-final
2 ^o A	1 ^o A – 1 ^o B	1 ^o C – 2 ^o A

2 ^o B	1 ^o B – 1 ^o C	1 ^o A – 2 ^o B
2 ^o C	1 ^o B – 1 ^o C	1 ^o A – 2 ^o C

For a ten-(10) Team Tournament, the 1st ranked Team of each Pool, and the 2nd-best ranked Team of the 4-team pool will qualify for the Semi-Finals.

The Teams will play as follows:

1st semi-final	2 nd semi-final
1 ^o A – 1 ^o C	1 ^o B – 2 ^o C

For an eleven-(11) Team Tournament, the 1st-ranked Team of each Pool and the best Team of the 2nd- best ranked Teams in the 4-team Pools will qualify for the Semi-Finals. In the event of a tie, a draw will be organized.

Depending on the Pool to which the 2nd -best Team of the one drawn belongs, the Team will play as follows:

Classified	1st semi-final	2 nd semi-final
2 ^o C	1 ^o A – 1 ^o C	1 ^o B – 2 ^o C
2 ^o B	1 ^o A – 1 ^o B	1 ^o C – 2 ^o B

Finals

The Finals will be disputed as follows:

- The winners of the two Semi-Finals for the 1st and 2nd places.
- The losers of the two Semi-Finals for the 3rd and 4th places.

5.3.3. Tournament organized with the participation of between twelve (12) and sixteen (16) Teams

The Teams will be split into four (4) pools, A, B, C and D, according to the total number of Teams (12, 13, 14, 15 or 16) Number of t

Number of teams	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
12	3	3	3	3
13	3	3	3	4
14	3	3	4	4

Number of teams	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
15	3	4	4	4
16	4	4	4	4

Within each Pool, each Team will play all the other Teams to determine the ranking.

Semi-Finals

The winners of the quarterfinal matches will play each other in the Semi-Finals as follows:

1st semi-final	2 nd semi-final
1 ^o A-1 ^o C	1 ^o B-1 ^o D

Finals

The Finals will be disputed as follows:

- The winners of the two Semi-Finals for the 1st and 2nd places.
- The losers of the two Semi-Finals for the 3rd and 4th places.

5.3.4. Tournament conducted with over sixteen (16) Teams

The OCMG Taranto 2026 and FIFA Technical Delegate will decide on the organization of the Tournament, before 20.05.2026, depending on the total number of participating Teams.

5.4. Qualification System

5.4.1. Scoring system

Scoring will be made based on the following criteria:

- Match won = 3 points.
- Match drawn = 1 point.
- Match lost = 0 points.

The results will also appear on the notice boards of the Football technical information centre (TIC), as well as on the website and any other applications for mobile devices that may be developed.



5.5. Ranking

The Team ranking in each Pool will be determined as follows:

- a) Highest number of points won during all the matches within the Pool.
- b) Difference in goals among all the matches within the Pool.
- c) Highest number of scored goals during all the matches within the Pool.

Further to these three criteria, in the event where two (2) or more Teams finish with the same number of points in the same Pool, their Pool rankings will be determined as follows:

- a) Highest number of points won during all the matches within the Pool between the relevant Teams.
- b) Difference of goals among all the matches within the Pool of the relevant Teams.
- c) Highest number of scored goals, during all the matches, within the Pool of the relevant Teams.
- d) Draw organized by the Football Technical Commission.

5.6. Technical Commission of Football

The Technical Commission will be composed of:

- President: Technical Delegate(s).
- Three (3) representatives of the participating countries, selected by the Technical Delegate(s).
- The OCMG Taranto 2026 Competition Manager for Football.

The Technical Commission is responsible for:

- Appointing the Commissaries of the matches.
- Examining claims and taking final decisions.
- Taking decisions in the event of *force majeure* or in events unforeseen in the present regulations.

6. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The Tournament of Football will take place from **Sunday 23 August to Tuesday 1 September 2026**, according to the following schedule (this Schedule is provisional and will be confirmed after the draw).

Based on a 10-team Tournament for the Men, and 6-team Tournament for the Women, the competition schedule would be as follows:



Women's Tournament					
6 Teams - 2 Groups of 3 Teams					
		Brindisi	Francavilla Fontana	Taranto	Lecce
Aug 23	Day 1				
Aug 24	Day 2		5:00p.m. A1 vs A3 9:00p.m. B1 vs B3		
Aug 25	Day 3				
Aug 26	Day 4	5:00p.m. A2 vs A3 9:00p.m. B2 vs B3			
Aug 27	Day 5				
Aug 28	Day 6		5:00p.m. A1 vs A2 9:00p.m. B1 vs B2		
Aug 29	Day 7				
Aug 30	Day 8			5:00p.m. SF 1 8:30p.m. SF 2	
Aug 31	Day 9				
Sep 1	Day 10		10:00 a.m. 3 rd	5:00p.m. Final	

Men's Tournament					
10 Teams - 2 Groups of 3 Teams, 1 Group of 4 Teams					
		Brindisi	Francavilla Fontana	Taranto	Lecce
Aug 23	Day 1	5:00 p.m. A1 vs A3 9:00 p.m. B1 vs B3			5:00p.m. C1 vs C3 9:00p.m. C2 vs C4
Aug 24	Day 2				
Aug 25	Day 3			5:00p.m. A2 vs A3 9:00p.m.	5:00p.m. C2 vs C3 9:00p.m.



Men's Tournament					
10 Teams - 2 Groups of 3 Teams, 1 Group of 4 Teams					
		Brindisi	Francavilla Fontana	Taranto	Lecce
				B2 vs B3	C1 vs C4
Aug 26	Day 4				
Aug 27	Day 5			5:00p.m. A1 vs A2 9:00p.m. B1 vs B2	5:00p.m. C1 vs C2 9:00p.m. C3 vs C4
Aug 28	Day 6				
Aug 29	Day 7			5:00p.m. SF 1 8:30p.m. SF 2	
Aug 30	Day 8				
Aug 31	Day 9				
Sep 1	Day 10		2:00p.m. 3rd	9:00p.m. Final	

6.1. Technical Offices

Two offices will provide specific information on the Football Tournament:

- Technical Information Center of Football (TIC), at the Competition Venues.
- Sport Information Center (SIC), at the Mediterranean Village.

These offices will provide information on the schedule of the competition and training sessions, transport, list of players and results.

7. COMPETITION VENUES

The Football competition at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will be held at the following Venues: D

Competition venues	Distances from Village	Municipality	Capacity
IACOVONE STADIUM	7,8 KM	TARANTO	24.000
ETTORE GIARDINIERO STADIUM	113,0 KM	LECCE	41.000
FANUZZI STADIUM	73,0 KM	BRINDISI	7.500
GIOVANNI PAOLO II STADIUM	36,0 KM	FRANCAVILLA FONTANA	3.500



7.1. Competition Areas

7.1.1. Iacovone Stadium

Natural grass field with the following dimensions: 105m x 68m

7.1.2. Ettore Giardiniero Stadium

Natural grass field with the following dimensions: 102m x 68m

7.1.3. Fanuzzi Stadium

Natural grass field with the following dimensions: 105m x 64m

7.1.4. Giovanni Paolo II Stadium

Synthetic field with the following dimensions: 102.50m x 64m

7.2. Warm-up Area

Warm-up areas will be available for the competitions.

7.3. Changing Rooms

Athletes will have separate changing rooms for men and women equipped with showers, toilets and massage tables.

7.4. Athletes' Lounge

Athletes will have at their disposal a lounge with water, energizing drinks and fruits.

7.5. Mixed zone

In the mixed zone, accredited media will be allowed brief interviews with participants who have finished their competition. Athletes must pass through this zone to leave the competition area and will be asked to cooperate willingly in answering journalists' questions. At the request of the journalists, an official of the organisers may invite the athletes to go into the mixed zone to answer their questions.

Accredited media will have access to a press gallery and a press room.

7.6. Sport Equipment

All sport and technical equipment used during Football competitions and trainings will comply with ICMG rules 2026.

8. TRAINING SESSIONS

8.1. Training Venues

Depending on the final number of Teams registered for the Football Tournament at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026, and starting on 20 August 2026, the Organizing Committee will provide sufficient training field for the Teams to train on a one and half hour daily basis.

Teams will also have a 1-hour familiarization session before their first match in each Stadium, whenever the field allows it.

Training venues	Distances from Village	Municipalities	Notes
IACOVONE STADIUM	7,8 KM	TARANTO	
GIOVANNI PAOLO II STADIUM	36,0 KM	FRANCAVILLA FONTANA	
TALSANO STADIUM	13,0 KM	TARANTO	
F. CAMASSA STADIUM	40,0 KM	SAVA	
ITALIA STADIUM	17,0 KM	MASSAFRA	
DE BELLIS STADIUM	37,0 KM	CASTELLANETA	

The following equipment will be provided for the Team on each Training Venue:

- 20 balls like those used for the Competition.
- 2 permanent Football goals with their nets.
- 1 portable Football goal.
- Corner flags.
- 40 training cones.

8.2. Calendar and Schedules for Training Sessions

Depending on the final number of participating Teams, the OCMG Taranto 2026 will establish the final Schedule of training, after assessing all the requests of the Teams.

Date	Time	Venue	Note
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20th-22nd August 2026	9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	ETTORE GIARDINIERO STADIUM	Men Teams
		DE BELLI STADIUM	Women Team
		GIOVANNI PAOLO II STADIUM	Women Team
		TALSANO STADIUM	Women Team
		F. CAMASSA STADIUM	Men Teams
		ITALIA STADIUM	Men Teams
23rd August - 1st September 2026	9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	IACOVONE STADIUM	According to the competition schedule
		ETTORE GIARDINIERO STADIUM	
		FANUZZI STADIUM	
		GIOVANNI PAOLO II STADIUM	
		TALSANO STADIUM	Women Team
		F. CAMASSA STADIUM	Men Teams
		ITALIA STADIUM DE BELLIS STADIUM	Men Teams

8.3. Services available at Training Venues

8.3.1. Changing Rooms

Athletes will have separate changing rooms for men and women, equipped with showers, toilets and massage tables.

8.3.2. Athletes' Lounge

At the training venues, athletes will have at their disposal a lounge with water, energizing drinks and fruits.

8.4. Media during training sessions

Training sessions will be opened to the media but not to the public. The Competition Manager will be authorized to change this rule when and if he deems it necessary.



8.5. Procedure for the scheduling of training sessions

NOCs will receive the planning of the training sessions during the second half of July. They will have to confirm that they will make use of their allocated sessions during the DRM.

8.5.1. Before the Competition

As a rule, Competition Management will put the relevant Venues at the Athletes' disposal for one daily session, two (2) days before the beginning of the competition **on Friday 21 August 2026**.

If they have requested it during the DRM and following the procedure, Delegations will be able to use these Venues for training purposes, five (5) days before the beginning of the competition **from Monday 17 August 2026**.

Training sessions will have a maximum length of one hour and thirty (1:30) minutes.

8.5.2. During the Competition

The Competition Management will assign a daily training session of one hour and thirty (1:30) in one of the relevant Venues.

During the Technical Meeting, on 22 August 2026, the Organizing Committee will deliver the Training Schedule during competition. Each NOC will then be able to inform of its specific training needs; these will be assessed to be included in the training schedule during the competition.

All NOCs will have to confirm they will use their allocated training session, by 17:00 the day prior to the training is due; should they fail to do so, the relevant session will be made available for the other NOCs. They may also request, before 17:00, an additional training session, which may be allocated to them, from 20:00 the same day, subject to availability at the Venues.

Upon their arrival, Teams will receive all relevant information on the training sessions, at the SIC and at the TIC for Football.

9. PARTICIPATION

All NOCs members of the ICMG, whose National Federation is a member Association of FIFA, are entitled to participate in the Football Tournament of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026.



Athletes taking part in the competition must have the nationality of the country they represent and abide by the Conditions and Rules of ICMG.

Each NOC may take part in the Football Tournament with one (1) Team for men and one (1) Team for women, of a maximum of eighteen (18) Players each.

Participating Players must be under 18 years for women (born before 31 December 2008) and under 21 years, for men (born before 31 December 2005).

9.1. Entries

9.1.1. General Principles

The XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 are open to all the Athletes of the NOCs of the Mediterranean countries' members of the ICMG, as indicated in the Rules of the ICMG Charter and of the IOC.

All Athletes taking part in the Games must be citizens of the country they represent, in accordance with the IOC Rules.

9.1.2. Procedures

The registration process is linked to the general system of Accreditations. The OCMG Taranto 2026 entry system is an e-accreditation portal accessible through the official website of the Games: www.ta2026.com.

Each Delegation will have its own username and password to have access to this e-accreditation portal available in both French and English.

The portal will allow users to print a list of sport entries which, once signed, will have to be sent back, within the deadlines indicated below, to the OCMG Taranto 2026: entries@ta2026.com.

9.1.3. Entries by Number

The list of entries by number of participants for each NOC and event will have to be submitted through the e-accreditation portal, by **23:59 (Italian time) on Thursday 23 April 2026**.

9.1.4. Deposit for Team Sports

NOCs participating with a Team will have to make a deposit of 3,000 € on the OCMG Taranto 2026 bank account, by **Thursday 23 April 2026**, for each Team entered.



If an NOC subsequently decides not to take part in a team event, the said deposit will not be refunded.

NOCs taking part in the Team competitions they have registered for will get a refund of the said deposit on the bank account that they will have provided as a reference.

Operation bank fees for the refunds will be covered by the NOCs.

9.1.5. Preliminary Entries by Name (Long list)

The list of preliminary entries of participants by names, by NOC and event, will have to be submitted via the e-accreditation portal, by 23:59 (Italian time) on **Monday 18 May 2026**.

9.1.6. Final Entries by Name (Short list)

The NOC of each participating country will have to submit to the OCMG Taranto 2026, through the e-accreditation portal, the form with the final entries of their participants by name, five (5) weeks before the beginning of the Games, on **Tuesday 14 July 2026** (before 23:59, Italian time).

9.1.7. Confirmation of Entries

Confirmation of entries will take place during the DRM and any eventual modification that could be acceptable will be presented to the SIC and confirmed at a later stage, during the Technical Meeting.

Specific forms for the confirmation of entries will be distributed in advance to the Chef of Mission of each NOC.

9.2. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will take place on Saturday 22 August 2026, at 11:00, at Iacovone Stadium in Taranto.

The meeting will be held in accordance with ICMG Rules and chaired by the Technical Delegate(s). The following people must be in attendance:

- Technical Delegate(s).
- One member of the ICMG SPC Commission
- The Team Managers (one per country)
- The Referees
- The Coaches (one per Team)



- The Doctors (one per Team)
- The OCMG Taranto 2026 Competition Manager for Football.

10. MEDICAL SERVICES

10.1. Medical Services at the Village and on the Competition Venues

During the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026, medical services will be available to any accredited Athlete or Official who might need them, both at the Mediterranean Village and on the competition venues.

10.2. Mediterranean Village

The Polyclinic at the Village will provide the residents with the following services:

- Sport medicine
- Physiotherapy
- First Aid
- Emergency services 24/24h
- A fleet of ambulances will link the Polyclinic and the main Hospitals, should additional care be needed.

10.3. Competition Venues

During the events, all competition venues will provide the Athletes with the following services:

- Medical services
- Ambulance services
- Coolers filled with ice will be available for the Delegations at all Sport Venues.

10.4. Anti-Doping Control

Doping controls will be carried out during the competition or out of competition, under the responsibility of the International Testing Agency (ITA) and with the collaboration of the Italian National Anti-Doping Agency (NADO Italy), in accordance with the rules of the ICMG and the World Anti-Doping Code.

All competitors who undergo a control will receive written notification. The official procedure for the collection of samples will subsequently start, in accordance with the official deadlines and Regulations.

Any Athlete who refuses to submit to doping control, or who is declared positive after the test, will be disqualified from the competition and will be sanctioned along with his/her Team, in accordance with the ICMG Regulations.

11. REFEREES and JUDGES

11.1. Referees

The Refereeing teams for each Football match at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will be composed as follows:

- One (1) International Referee and one (1) Line Judge, from each participating country, as part of the NOC Delegation.
- International Referees appointed by FIGC. The exact number will be decided when the needs have been assessed.

No Referee, or any Line Judge, during a match will belong to the same country as the Teams playing.

The names of the Referees and of the Line Judges of each participating NOC will have to be appointed on their entries by name list.

11.2. Disciplinary Commission

The Disciplinary Commission will be composed of five (5) members, as follows:

- President: Technical Delegate(s).
- One (1) member appointed by the host country.
- Three (3) additional members appointed by the OCMG among the representatives of the participating countries.

The Commission will take the appropriate disciplinary measures and impose the disciplinary sanctions against the infractions made by players, referees, line judges, coaches or other officials.

Decisions of the Commission will be based on the referees and officials' written reports.

The decisions are irrevocable when three (3) members, one of them the Presidents, have voted for it. Decisions will have to be sent to the relevant parties within 24 hours of the end of the match.

A member of the Commission may not take part in a working session when the issue involves the Team of his country.



11.3. Refereeing Committee

The Refereeing Committee will be composed of three (3) members:

- Technical Delegate(s)
- Referee Delegate appointed by the cost country
- An additional member appointed by the Technical Delegate(s) among the representatives of the participating countries

The Refereeing Commission will appoint delegates, referees, assistants and observers throughout the Tournament of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026.

In accordance with the technical event regulations of each Sport at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026, international juries of appeal will be formed. They will be responsible for ruling formal protests and appeals.

11.4. Claims

Any claim can be raised by the relevant NOC, in written, in French or in English, accompanied by a cash deposit which amount is established by the ICMG. The ICMG will decide on each claim based on the competition regulations.

All claims will be addressed to the TIC for Football who will forward them to the Secretariat of the Jury of Appeal and to the ICMG Technical Commission.

The deposit will only be refunded if the claim is successful.

12. SPORT CLOTHING

Participants at the Football competition of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will wear a sport uniform in accordance with the ICMG Regulations.

The OCMG Taranto 2026 will approve the playing equipment of each team.

Each Team must have two (2) sets of jerseys in contrasting colors (light and dark). These colors must be confirmed at the same time as the entries. Players must wear the same number for the duration of the Tournament, even if they swap their place.

Athletes' sport clothing and equipment will bear no commercial brand. As an exception, the brand name of the manufacturer of the clothing or the equipment will be tolerated if it is discreet and does not have any advertising purpose, in accordance with the ICMG Rules.



The same rule will apply for the Medal Ceremonies regarding sport clothing and advertising. Athletes will step on the podium with the official clothing of their respective NOC.

13. MEDAL CEREMONIES

The Medal Ceremonies, as per the ICMG Rules, will take place at the end of each competition.

A diploma to each player in the Teams from fourth to the eighth place will be awarded.

14. APPROVAL OF THE REGULATIONS

In case of disagreement on the interpretation of these Regulations with any other related version, the French version will take precedence.

This Technical Manual was approved by the ICMG.



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