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Total AFCON Cameroon 2021 Qualifiers: essential guidelines for resumption of competitions and gradual return to the stadiums

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The CAF Emergency Committee validated on Friday the specific measures for the resumption of Days 3 & 4 matches of Total Africa Cup of Nations Cameroon 2021™ Qualifiers.

These rules issued by the Organizing Committee for the African Cup of Nations, in accordance with the FIFA rules of the game, relate in particular to the conditions for holding matches, the number of authorized substitutions and the conditions for postponement or cancellation of matches.

Only the cases not provided for by these special COVID-19 rules and in the competitions regulations would be considered as exceptional cases, which would be decided by the Organizing committee of the competition.

Game and players

- Each match must be played if the team has at least eleven (11) players (including a goalkeeper) and four (4) substitutes.
- If a team cannot travel to the host country and/or venue of a match due to any travel or other restriction relating to COVID-19, the team in question will be considered to have lost the match 2-0.
- If a team does not have the minimum number of players required, at least eleven (11) players (including a goalkeeper) and four (4) substitutes), the team in question will be considered to have lost the match 2-0.
- The number of authorized substitutions is limited to five (5) players per team. Each team will have three opportunities to make these substitutions during the match.

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Spectator attendance

- According to CAF's COVID-19 protocol, all matches must be played behind closed doors, without spectators.
- However, if the government of the host Association wants spectators to be present, then the Association in question will need to obtain CAF's approval.

In the event of exceptional situations other than those mentioned above, the Organizing Committee will be consulted for a final decision.

The objective of the emergency measures is to supervise the resumption of football on the continent, by defining a plan which places an emphasis on the players and the game. These specific rules may be revised according to developments of the health situation in the world and specifically on the African continent.

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ABOUT CAF:

Founded in 1957, the Confédération Africaine de Football is the governing body of African football. Its founding members are Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia and South Africa. CAF brings together 54 Member Associations and its head office is based in Cairo, Egypt. Elected in 2017 for a 4-year term, the current President, Mr. Ahmad Ahmad has launched a restructuring program whose main objective is to make football a powerful tool of education, tolerance and openness for youth African. To achieve this vision, CAF has undertaken to reform the institution, both in its organization and in its functioning, and to establish a new method of governance in which its Executive Committee has real decision-making power. A Compliance Department has been created. This ambition, driven by talented women and men who support this transformational project. By the end of 2020, CAF intends to double its workforce compared to 2017, with a large emphasis on diversity (40% of expatriate employees). Despite an unprecedented health crisis, CAF was able to provide additional financial assistance of \$ 16.2 million to member associations and proceed with the creation of the Women's Champions League.

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