

APPENDIX IV

TWO TEAM PLAY-OFF COMPETITION

1. RANKING IN THE COMPETITION

- 1.1 The two teams shall play three times against each other, being understood that there shall be at least one day rest during the competition and that there shall be at least 22 hours time difference between the start times of matches on consecutive days.

However, with the permission of the F.I.H., the requirement to have the rest day may be waived providing that the request for waving that day is made to the F.I.H. by the host country prior to the competition commencing and with the agreement of the other participating country.

- 1.2 The following points shall be awarded for each match:

- three points to the winner
- one point to each team, in the event of a draw
- no points to the loser

Teams shall be ranked according to the number of points each has accumulated in the competition.

- 1.3 If at the end of the competition, the two teams have the same number of points, they shall be ranked according to their respective goal difference (which means "goals for" less "goals against").

A positive goal difference always takes the precedence over a negative one.

- 1.4 If there remains equality among the two teams (same number of points and same goal difference), then they shall be ranked according to their respective number of "goals for".

- 1.5 Should the number of "goals for" having been scored by or having been awarded to the two teams be equal, then the duration of the third match shall be extended. After a 5 minute rest the umpires will toss a coin with the captains and the winner will have the choice of ends or possession of the ball to re-start the match. The extension of time shall consist of two periods of 7½ minutes each in between which teams shall change ends, without a rest period.

The extra-time shall cease, however, once a team has scored or been awarded a goal. That team will be the winner of the competition.

- 1.6 If the score is still a draw at the end of the extra-time, a penalty stroke competition (paragraph 2) shall be played to establish the winner of the competition. In case the same team wins the two first matches, it will not be compulsory to play the third match.

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2. PENALTY STROKE COMPETITION

- 2.1 (a) Five players from each of the two teams, chosen by their respective team manager from the players nominated for the third (3rd) match, but excluding any player who has been permanently suspended (red card) by the umpires during that same match, shall take a penalty stroke alternately against one and the same defending goalkeeper of the other team unless the latter has been incapacitated and replaced, making a total of ten penalty strokes, five

for each team. The players must take the penalty strokes in the same sequence as the list of five players nominated and communicated by the team managers to the Technical Officer on duty prior to the start of the penalty stroke competition.

- (b) If during a penalty stroke competition a player (either a stroke taker or a defending goalkeeper) is suspended, then that player shall take no further part in that penalty stroke competition and, unless a defending goalkeeper, cannot be replaced.

If a stroke taker, any stroke the player should have been entitled to take will be counted as no goal. If a defending goalkeeper, the replacement may only be from one of the nominated stroke takers. The player replacing the defending goalkeeper may continue to take penalty strokes but, when required to defend penalty strokes, must wear protective headgear. This player may also wear other approved protective equipment.

- 2.2 The umpires, after consultation with the Technical Officer on duty, shall choose the goal to be used and shall toss a coin with the captains, the winner having the choice to take or defend the first penalty stroke. The team having scored or been awarded the highest number of goals shall be the winner and the competition will cease once an outright winner has been established.

- 2.3 In the event of an equal number of goals having been scored or awarded, a second series of penalty strokes shall be started with the same players, subject to incapacitated defending goalkeeper(s) being replaced, and shall cease after a team shall have scored or been awarded one more goal than the opposing team after an equal number of strokes (no minimum, no maximum) have been taken by each team. That team shall be the winner of the second series.

The sequence of stroke takers does not need to be the same as in the previous series and the team manager has freedom of choice at the time of each stroke as to which of the nominated players shall take the stroke. In this second (unlimited) series, all five nominated players shall take a stroke before any of them are eligible to take a further stroke.

- 2.4 The team whose player has taken the first penalty stroke of the first series (see paragraph 2.1(a) above) must defend the first penalty stroke of the second (unlimited) series.
- 2.5 Only team managers, defending goalkeepers and nominated stroke takers may enter the field of play during a penalty stroke competition. These persons will remain outside the 23 meters area unless a player is authorised by an umpire or technical official on duty to take or defend a penalty stroke.