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## **BACKGROUND**

The Ibero-American Sports Council (CID), whose members are the representatives of the highest sports authorities of the member countries, holds an annual forum in which they converge to address matters of common interest, support joint positions as an organization, and establish sports cooperation agreements. Within the framework of the 10th CID Assembly held in Puerto Rico in 2004, the governmental representatives of Mexico, Prof. Nelson Vargas of the National Commission for Physical Culture and Sport, and Puerto Rico, Prof. Jorge Rosario of the Department of Recreation and Sports, signed a Sports Cooperation Agreement that launched the project of Cultural Sports Exchanges between both countries, aimed at school-aged youth.

In 2005, during the CID Assembly in Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico, the first presentation leading to the organization of Regional Games was made. “School Exchange Project” was the title of the presentation delivered by Dr. David E. Bernier on behalf of Puerto Rico on May 9, 2005, before the presence of Ministers and Delegates of the CID member countries. The matter was then put on hold until the following year.

In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2006, during the session of the Region I meeting of CID member countries, it was agreed, with the participation of all the countries of the region, to hold the First Central American and Caribbean Games in 2007, hosted by Puerto Rico. It was established that Puerto Rico, as the proponent and potential host of the first edition, would prepare the draft of the foundational documents for the organization of these Games.

During the celebration of the Games of the Central American Isthmus Council for Sport and Recreation (CODICADER) in Panama 2006, Puerto Rico presented the proposals for the organization and regulations of the event and delivered the official invitation as host of the First Central American and Caribbean School Sports Games. Due to the complexity of the work and the absence of representation from all 12 countries that had agreed to the celebration of the Games, a working meeting was convened for November 2006.

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In Cartagena, Colombia, in November 2006, with the representation of 9 of the 12 participating countries, the work sessions were held to review, amend, and approve several of the official documents: the Organization Manual of the Central American and Caribbean School Sports Games, the General Regulations, and the Special Regulations. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Jorge Hernández, Director of the Sports Institute of El Salvador and representative of Region I of the CID, together with the Puerto Rico working group. During this meeting, the proposal emerged to create an international body for the governance of these Games, independent from the CID.

During the XIII Assembly of the CID, the Governor of Puerto Rico, Honorable Aníbal Acevedo Vilá, appeared before the Ministers of Sports and Delegates of the CID member countries to officially present the First Central American and Caribbean School Sports Games to be held in November 2007 in Salinas, Puerto Rico. In the same forum, the countries comprising Region I of the CID proceeded to formalize the creation of what would henceforth be the Central American and Caribbean Sports Council (CONCECADE), electing Mr. Jorge Hernández as its first President. At this session, the Organization Manual and the General Regulations of the event were also ratified by signature, establishing the guidelines for the development of these Games.

On November 7, 2007, in Caguas, Puerto Rico, on the day prior to the official opening of the first edition of the Games, the first meeting of the CONCECADE member countries was held to discuss and formalize the draft Statutes that would thereafter govern the work of this organization.

On April 25, 2024, in Washington, D.C., United States of America, during the Ordinary Assembly of CONCECADE, Colombia was granted the hosting rights for the seventh edition of the Central American and Caribbean School Sports Games 2025, which will take place in the city of Montería, Córdoba.

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## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The present General Regulations of the Central American and Caribbean School Sports Games (JEDECAC) aim to guide and regulate everything related to the organization and operation of the Games, so that the Organizing Committee (OC), designated by the Governmental Sports Body (GSB) member of the Central American and Caribbean Sports Council (CONCECADE) to which the Games are awarded, may duly organize and execute this event in full compliance with the requirements, methods, and procedures established in these Regulations and the Statutes of CONCECADE.

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The Games, their celebration and participation

## **CHAPTER I**

Article 1. The Central American and Caribbean Sports Council (CONCECADE) organizes the Central American and Caribbean School Sports Games (JEDECAC), with the common objective of contributing to the strengthening of integration, solidarity, and peace among our peoples.

The School Sports Games are organized by CONCECADE and involve the participation of athletes, para-athletes, and teams that compete in the national school sports games of each member country.

Article 2. The JEDECAC are the exclusive property of CONCECADE and its Governmental Sports Bodies (GSB) members. All rights inherent to their organization and celebration belong to them; therefore, supervision, evaluation, and advisory responsibilities rest exclusively with these entities.

Article 3. The purpose of these General Regulations is to guide and govern all matters concerning the organization and development of the JEDECAC, so that the Organizing Committee (OC), designated by the GSB, may duly organize and execute the event, in full compliance with the requirements, methods, and procedures established in this regulatory document.

Article 4. The JEDECAC shall be held every two years, between October 1 and November 30, and shall never exceed ten (10) days, including the arrival and departure days of the participating delegations. They may take place in a single host country or in multiple host countries but always respecting the aforementioned period. The age categories, sports disciplines, events, and divisions eligible for competition will be detailed in these Regulations.

Article 5. The official JEDECAC logo represents a futuristic figure running over an open book while holding a torch, from both of which emanate the patriotic colors of the host country's flag. It is a stylized figure of a modern athlete, created through symbolic and simplistic forms inspired by the indigenous cultures of Central America and the Caribbean. A cauldron conveys the warmth of an eternal flame.

The base of the athlete is centered on the spine of an open book of life, marked by a past (the part already run) and a future (the part yet to be run).

This figure represents the elements of the Central American and Caribbean countries and the identity of the national colors of the CONCECADE member countries.

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Article 6. The participants registered in the JEDECAC must comply with the General Regulations and the Competition Rules of the Games, as well as with the International Federation Regulations corresponding to each sport included in the official program of the Games, and must be duly registered by the GSB of their respective country.

Any matters not provided for within the JEDECAC Regulations shall be resolved in accordance with the International Regulations of each sport discipline.

## **CHAPTER II**

### **Candidature and Host City Selection**

Article 7. The candidature and awarding of future host cities shall be submitted by the highest authority of the applicant Governmental Sports Body (GSB) within the framework of the JEDECAC Games. All GSBs of CONCECADE member countries may present their candidacy to host the Games, provided they meet the following requirements:

- a) They must submit their candidacy request in writing to the CONCECADE Presidency, specifying the proposed dates for the Games, as well as the age categories, sports disciplines, events, and divisions to be held, which must be part of the sports program approved for the JEDECAC.
- b) In accordance with each country's legislation, it is also required to submit a letter of support from the Ministry of Education and from the local authorities of the host city where the Games will take place.

Within the framework of the JEDECAC, the Executive Council shall meet to determine the next host city of the Games.

Article 8. One CONCECADE member country shall be designated as the official host and another as the alternate host from among the submitted proposals.

Article 9. The country awarded the hosting rights must confirm its commitment within 30 days of the granting of the same. Should the GSB of the designated host country fail to confirm its acceptance, the GSB of the country designated as the alternate host shall be ratified as the official host of the JEDECAC, proceeding with confirmation through the signing of a Participation Agreement.

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If both the GSB of the designated official host country and the GSB of the designated alternate host country fail to confirm their acceptance, each CONCECADE member country shall host at least one sport discipline. Such hosting arrangements must be ratified at the Ordinary General Assembly of the year in which the respective JEDECAC are held, using a separate Participation Agreement for each sport.

## **CHAPTER III**

### **Organization**

**Article 10.** It is the responsibility, obligation, and privilege of the CONCECADE member countries to participate in these Games.

**Article 11.** The following bodies are hierarchically responsible for the organization of the JEDECAC:

- a) CE-CONCECADE: Responsible for overseeing the organization of the Games.
- b) CT-CONCECADE: Responsible for providing technical advice, supervision, and evaluation of the Games.
- c) The Host GSB: Responsible for the execution and development of the JEDECAC.
- d) The Organizing Committee (OC) of the host country: Directly responsible for the execution and development of the JEDECAC.

**Article 12.** The functions of CE-CONCECADE are:

- a) To approve, amend, and enact the General Regulations and the Competition Rules of the JEDECAC and to issue directives.
- b) To award the hosting rights of the JEDECAC.
- c) To define the core sports disciplines of the JEDECAC and those to be contested in each edition of the Games.
- d) To officially establish the program of the JEDECAC.
- e) To secure resources and sponsorships from international organizations and companies to support the JEDECAC program.
- f) To issue the call for participation in the JEDECAC.

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g) Other functions inherent to its role.

Article 13. The functions of the CT-CONCECADE are:

a) To evaluate, update, and submit to the approval of the CE-CONCECADE the General Regulations and the Competition Rules of each sport discipline included in the JEDECAC program, considering the objectives pursued by the Games and based on international regulations.

b) To propose the age categories, sport disciplines, events, genders, competition systems, awards, and technical specifications.

c) To evaluate and issue recommendations on the Organization Manual of the JEDECAC prepared by each host.

d) To supervise, evaluate, and advise the Organizing Committee (OC) of the respective edition of the JEDECAC.

e) To chair the technical meetings prior to and during the event, as well as the competition jury, reporting on participation and results to the CE-CONCECADE.

f) To review, amend, and approve the official regulated documentation of the JEDECAC by sport discipline for purposes of accreditation and participation of athletes, para-athletes, coaches, and other participants.

g) To act as the Appeals Tribunal of the JEDECAC as the final authority.

h) To study and decide on matters not contemplated in the Regulations that fall within its competence.

i) To ensure compliance with regulatory provisions during the development of the Games.

j) Other functions inherent to its role.

Members of the CT-CONCECADE shall not hold any other position or function during the staging of the Games.

Article 14. The functions of the Host GSB of the JEDECAC are:

a) To be responsible for the execution and development of the JEDECAC in its country, as well as for compliance with all legal, regulatory, and financial provisions related to the Games.

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- b) To chair, appoint, and supervise the Organizing Committee (OC), made up of qualified and experienced personnel in the organization of this event, with backgrounds in sports and education, and considering the various local factors conducive to the success of the Games. The appointment of the OC must be carried out and communicated to the members of the CE-CONCECADE no later than the first sixty (60) days of the year in which the Games are to be held.
- c) To prepare the Organization Manual of the JEDECAC as the foundational document for their implementation.
- d) To ensure that the regulatory provisions approved by the CE-CONCECADE are applied as required.
- e) To act in a supervisory capacity during the different scheduled competitions.
- f) Other functions inherent to its role.

Article 15. Composition of the Organizing Committee (OC) of the VII Central American and Caribbean School Games, Córdoba – Colombia 2025.

The Organizing Committee shall be composed of:

1. The Minister of Sport or his/her delegate.
2. The Governor of the host Department/ her delegate
3. The Mayor of the principal host municipality or his/her delegate.
4. The Technical Director of Sports Positioning and Leadership of the Ministry of Sport.
5. The Director of Sports Promotion and Development.
6. Director of the Departmental Sports Institute
7. Director of the Municipal Sports Institute

Paragraph One. The following shall attend the meetings of the Organizing Committee, with the right to speak: the Director of the Games, the Coordinator of the GIT of Games and Events and the Coordinators of the different organizational areas of the Games.

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### Functions of the OC:

- a) Plan, organize, control, and directly manage the execution and development of the JEDECAC in accordance with the provisions of this General Regulations and the Competition Rules, as well as any decisions approved by the CE-CONCECADE.
- b) Meet at least once a month, either in person or virtually, to monitor the organization of the Games.
- c) Appoint the technical and administrative staff responsible for implementing and monitoring the plans and programs established in the different work areas.
- d) Manage and/or generate the resources required for the organization of the Games.
- e) Submit the programs to be carried out in the JEDECAC to the CE-CONCECADE one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the event.

### Article 16. The OC shall have the following obligations:

- a) Fulfill the financial obligations established by the CE-CONCECADE.
- b) Develop an execution schedule regarding the organization of the Games and present it to the CE-CONCECADE and the Technical Commission.
- c) Keep the CE-CONCECADE informed of all matters related to the Games, complying with its instructions and resolutions.
- d) Schedule and report in detail to the CE-CONCECADE on the opening, closing, and award ceremonies of the Games, allowing these bodies to make any necessary adjustments.
- e) Schedule and conduct the award ceremonies of the sporting events, ensuring that they are primarily carried out by members of the CE-CONCECADE, representatives of the CONCECADE member countries, government authorities of the host country, accredited representatives of National Sports Federations, national sports figures, or accredited diplomats of the CONCECADE member countries, with sufficient prior notice to ensure their participation.
- f) Provide adequate accommodation and meals for athletes and para-athletes, delegates, and technical staff, available at least from one (1) day before until one (1) day after their official competitions.
- g) Take into account the opinions of the National Sports Federations on all technical aspects of the Games, in accordance with the Technical Regulations of the International Sports

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Federations, and facilitate technical meetings or congresses.

- h) Implement a cultural program within the framework of the Games.
- i) Provide local transportation for the participating delegations, from the day of their arrival until the day of their departure from the host country.
- j) Provide and facilitate all necessary resources for accredited media representatives of government bodies from CONCECADE member countries to properly fulfill their functions.
- k) Support participating delegations with visa procedures and temporary import procedures for sports equipment, if required.
- l) Promote educational campaigns on anti-doping in sport.
- m) Provide accommodation, meals, and local transportation for members of the CT-CONCECADE and Heads of Mission of the participating countries during the evaluation meeting held after the conclusion of the Games.
- n) At the end of the Games, submit the preliminary technical report, drafted in the official languages of CONCECADE.
- o) Notify, thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Games, the official events, categories, or sports to be included.

Article 17. The OC shall guarantee the following:

- a) Ensure adequate venues for each sport discipline, as well as the material, equipment, and technical staff required to carry out the competitions, such as:
  - a.1. Sports facilities: For each sport discipline, the OC shall guarantee competition venues, which may also be used for training during free hours, in accordance with the provisions of the host city.
  - a.2. Sports equipment: The OC shall ensure the use of brands certified by the International Federations of those disciplines that so require, and such equipment must be available in sufficient quantity at each sports facility, both for competitions and for training sessions.
  - a.3. Referees/Judges and auxiliary technical staff: The OC shall ensure the availability of the required number of referees/judges necessary to conduct the competitions, who must possess the quality and experience required to officiate the JEDECAC without setbacks. It must also

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guarantee scorekeepers, statisticians, timekeepers, and any other auxiliary technical staff necessary for the competitions.

In the event that a participating country does not include referees in its delegation, the host country shall provide the missing officials.

a.4. Official technical documents: The OC shall guarantee, thirty (30) days in advance, all documentation required for recording and statistics of the competitions, in accordance with the regulations of the respective International Sports Federations.

b) Administrative support staff must be guaranteed at each sports facility to ensure the proper conduct of competitions, including security, cleaning, maintenance, and facility management.

c) Emergency medical staff must be guaranteed at each sports facility.

d) The flags of all participating countries must be displayed in every competition venue.

e) Ensure round-trip transportation in a timely and appropriate manner so that the delegations of the participating countries, as well as referees and officials, arrive at the competition venue at least thirty minutes prior to the start of the event.

Article 18. Once the games are over, the CT-CONCECADE will meet with the CO and heads of mission from each of the participating countries to evaluate the development of the games.

Article 19. For each sport discipline included in the Games, a Technical Coordinator shall be appointed by the OC. This Technical Coordinator shall be responsible for the organization, management, and execution of the competitions included in the Games program and must at all times act in accordance with the provisions of the CE-CONCECADE, the Competition

Regulations, and with the technical support of the National Sports Federations. The Technical Coordinator must present their work plan to the members of the CT-CONCECADE.

## **CHAPTER IV.**

### **The Program**

Article 20. The official sports program of the Games shall be reviewed by the CT-CONCECADE and submitted for approval to the CE-CONCECADE. It shall include thirteen (13) mandatory sports disciplines with the highest participation in previous editions (Chess, Athletics, 3x3 Basketball, Boxing, Judo, Karate Do, Weightlifting, Swimming, Taekwondo, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Para Athletics, and Para Swimming), with the possibility of including other sports regardless of the core program.

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| N° | SPORTS                  | GENDER |      |
|----|-------------------------|--------|------|
|    |                         | Fem    | Male |
| 1  | Ches                    | Fem    | Male |
| 2  | Athletics               | Fem    | Male |
| 3  | Para athletics (F.PC.V) | Fem    | Male |
| 4  | 3x3 Basketball          | Fem    | Male |
| 5  | Boxing                  | Fem    | Male |
| 6  | Judo                    | Fem    | Male |
| 7  | Karate Do               | Fem    | Male |
| 8  | Weightlifting           | Fem    | Male |
| 9  | Swimming                | Fem    | Male |
| 10 | Para swimming (F.PC.V)  | Fem    | Male |
| 11 | Taekwondo               | Fem    | Male |
| 12 | Table Tennis            | Fem    | Mas  |
| 13 | Volleyball              | Fem    | Mas  |

All sports disciplines must have a minimum of three (3) countries registered in order to be considered official, and the countries must complete their registration at least one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the Games.

The host country may replace any sport that has not met the minimum registration requirement of three (3) countries with another from the remaining mandatory sports disciplines, once the numerical registrations have been received.

The following are considered Individual Sports Disciplines: Chess, Athletics, Para Athletics (Adapted), Boxing, Judo, Karate Do, Weightlifting, Swimming, Para Swimming, Taekwondo, Table Tennis.

The following are considered Team Sports: 3x3 Basketball and Volleyball.

Article 21. The OC may rely on the technical support of its National Sports Federations for the sports disciplines that are part of the official program of the Games.

## CHAPTER V.

### Competitions.

Article 22. Only those events (competitions, categories, modalities) in which at least three (3) countries are nominally registered shall be considered official. If the minimum registration

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requirement is not met, the event, competition, category, or sport shall not take place.

## **CHAPTER VI.**

### **Registrations.**

**Article 23.** It is the sole responsibility of the ODG member of CONCECADE to register participants in the Games, and only those who have completed their respective registration established by the CE-CONCECADE may participate. The unique participation fee per person shall be Sixty US Dollars (US \$60.00) or its equivalent in the host country's national currency, which must be paid to the OC prior to the start of the Games. Members of the CE-CONCECADE, CT-CONCECADE, as well as judges and or referees, are exempt from this payment.

**Article 24.** All registrations of participants in the JEDECAC shall be made using the forms established by the CT-CONCECADE, and are as follows:

- a) Intention of Participation Registration (IPA): must be submitted two hundred seventy (270) days prior to the opening date of the JEDECAC.
- b) Numerical Registration (INU): must be submitted one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the opening date of the JEDECAC.
- c) Nominal Registration (INO) and Individual Registration Form by Sport (FRID): must be submitted Thrity (30) days prior to the opening date of the JEDECAC.
- d) In team sports, the registration of athletes and para-athletes may only be for one sports discipline and modality.

**Article 25.** The registrations of participating countries shall be sent electronically to the host country of the event.

**Article 26.** The deadlines established for the receipt of registrations are non-extendable and strictly enforceable. Failure to comply with the ratification of the nominal registration shall be sanctioned with a fine equivalent to twice the registration fee for each participant who fails to appear, which shall be paid to the OC at the time of payment of the registration.

**Article 27.** To participate in the JEDECAC as an athlete, the following requirements must be met:

- a) Requirements:

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a.1. Submit the official individual registration form, completed with the requested information and signed by the corresponding sports and educational authorities, thereby endorsing the athlete's participation in the school selection events.

a.2. Be an official, regular, and active student of the educational institution (non-university or technical careers) in the country represented, from the beginning of the school academic year of the competition. This includes students in distance education and homeschooling systems.

a.3. Meet the age established in the competition rules of the sport represented, for which a copy of the passport must be presented for validation, in addition to presenting the original at the technical congress for verification. Age range: between 15 and 17 years old.

a.4. Competitors in the Games may have a different nationality from the country they represent; however, they must provide documentary proof that they have resided for at least one (1) year in the country under which they are registered.

a.5. Submit a medical certificate for the athlete, certifying that he/she is in suitable condition to participate in the event.

a.6. Athletes and para-athletes with disabilities who do not have a clear functional classification shall undergo such classification in the host country by the competent bodies.

## **b) Reinforcements:**

b.1. For team sports, the national school champion teams participating in the Games may be reinforced with a maximum of two (2) student-athletes from other educational institutions of their country, provided that they meet the age requirements established in this General Regulations and the Competition Rules, and that they have participated in the school championship. Exception: in men's and women's 3x3 Basketball only one (1) reinforcement shall be allowed, while maintaining in all cases the maximum roster size in these sports disciplines.

b.2. The aforementioned reinforcements must have written authorization from their educational institution in order to participate in the Games, and their registration must be made within the quota established in the Competition Rules. In the technical registration forms, their status as reinforcements must be explicitly stated.

## CHAPTER VII.

### Age Limit for Competitors.

Article 28. The upper age limit for athletes and para-athletes in the JEDECAC is 17 years old as of the year of the competition, while the lower age limit shall be a minimum of 15 years old for those sports involving physical contact.

Non-contact sports may admit competitors below the lower age limit: Athletics, Chess, Weightlifting, Table Tennis, Volleyball, and Swimming.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### The Oath.

Article 29. Upon submitting their registration, participants in the JEDECAC shall sign the following declaration:

*"I solemnly declare on my honor that I will respect the Statutes of CONCECADE, the General Regulations of the Central American and Caribbean School Sports Games, the Competition Rules, and all other provisions of the Games. I commit myself to participate under the principles of Fair Play, dedicating all my effort and technical ability to it."*

## CHAPTER IX.

### Composition of the Delegations.

Article 30. Only duly accredited competitors and those providing services with a defined responsibility shall be recognized by the OC in order to grant them the corresponding facilities.

The number of persons comprising the delegations shall be established in the Competition Rules of each sport discipline.

Article 31. Delegations shall have a maximum number of participants according to the sports disciplines approved by the CE-CONCECADE and convened by the host country in accordance with the maximum participation quota per discipline established in the Competition Rules, including athletes and para-athletes, coaches, chaperones, and delegates.

## CHAPTER X.

### Assistance to the Delegations.

Article 32. The OC shall assign a liaison officer (aide-de-camp) to each participating delegation, in order to facilitate relations between the OC and the Heads of Mission. The liaison officer for each of the participating countries shall be designated no later than the Heads of Mission meeting. These liaison officers shall remain under the control of the Event's OC.

The appointment of liaison officers shall not prevent the Heads of Mission or their officials from carrying out direct arrangements on their own behalf. The OC shall designate the number of liaison officers required for the proper assistance of the delegations' officials.

## CHAPTER XI.

### Mission Leadership.

Article 33. During the JEDECAC, each participating delegation shall be under the responsibility of a Head of Mission, designated by the ODG member of CONCECADE, who may not hold any other role.

Article 34. The number of members of the Mission Leadership shall be composed of:

- a) 1 Head of Mission
- b) 4 Technical Officials
- c) 2 Medical Specialists
- d) 1 Press Chief

Article 35. The Chief of Mission, and the officials shall have access to all Games facilities.

## CHAPTER XII.

### Judges and Referees.

Article 36. Officiating shall be the responsibility of the host country. The judges and/or referees shall fall under the authority of the Technical Area of the JEDECAC. These referees must be certified by the highest governing body of officiating, stating the level they hold and with international experience. They may only officiate in one sport discipline.

In sports of performance evaluation and combat, the OC must guarantee neutral referees, who are the highest authority in officiating during the event. Criteria must be standardized prior to

## CHAPTER XIII.

### Accreditations.

Article 37. The OC shall issue an Accreditation Manual, as well as JEDECAC Identity Credentials for participants with official status, specifying full name, date and place of birth, passport number, sex, blood type, and function in the Games. The credential must include the holder's photograph and the signature of the OC. This credential shall be presented to the respective technical authorities prior to competition if required by the judges.

At the technical congress, in order to validate their accreditation, each athlete must present an official identification document: an individual passport with photograph, as well as all other documents required by these Regulations. Failure to provide all requested documents shall be grounds for cancellation of participation without liability on the part of the OC.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### Visas and Taxes.

Article 38. The OC shall, to the extent possible, make arrangements with the Government of its country to facilitate and expedite the process of visas and tax exemption for each of the participants in the JEDECAC.

For this procedure, the International Relations Area shall receive an email with the information of the persons requiring a visa. The visa will be issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, which, at its discretion, will grant temporary entry permits into the country for the duration of the competition.

The participating countries whose citizens require a visa to enter Colombia are:

1. Cuba
2. Nicaragua

CHAPTER XV.

Protests and Claims.

Article 39. The following types of protests may be submitted:

a) Eligibility (By age or affiliation with educational institutions). Protests regarding the eligibility of an athlete prior to the start of the Games shall be resolved by the Technical Committee of the JEDECAC in the sport concerned. Protests must be signed by the Head of Mission or the Sport Delegate concerned. To confirm the eligibility of athletes and para-athletes, the delegations must present the original passports during the technical congresses. All Heads of Mission of the delegations shall have access to these documents.

b) Other protests. Only decisions regarding regulations and disciplinary rulings may be appealed, not matters of judgment. The rules and procedures established in these Regulations and in the International Federations of the respective sports shall apply. In each discipline, the Technical Coordinator shall receive the protest(s), resolving the case(s) in the Court of Appeals of first instance.

Appeals of the decisions of the Court of Appeals of first instance shall be reviewed by the CT-CONCECADE, which will resolve the cases before the next competition of the parties involved, providing a written response.

Article 40. A Court of Appeals of first instance shall be appointed by the OC and the CT-CONCECADE for each sport. This Court shall hear and resolve protests and claims submitted in its respective sport discipline.

This Court shall be composed of three (3) persons: the Technical Coordinator of the respective sport and two representatives from the participating countries elected at the technical congress.

Article 41. The rulings of the Court of Appeals shall be reviewed by the CT-CONCECADE, acting as the Court of Appeals of last instance during the Games. Its rulings shall be final, unappealable, and of immediate compliance, and must be notified of by the parties before the continuation of the competition. The parties involved may not participate in the hearing of the protest.

Article 42. Protests must be signed by the Head of Mission, or the Sport Delegate concerned, and submitted in the first instance to the Court of Appeals, and in the second instance (appeal) to the CT-CONCECADE, each accompanied by One Hundred U.S. Dollars (US \$100.00) or its equivalent in the host country's national currency.

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Article 43. Protests regarding the interpretation of rules during the Games must be submitted in writing to the corresponding Court of Appeals within no more than thirty (30) minutes after the competition has concluded. After this deadline, no claim will be admitted. The corresponding Court must always rule before the next scheduled competition.

Article 44. Any other claim not covered in the preceding articles, which may arise from facts not specifically addressed in this chapter, shall be submitted to the CT-CONCECADE within no more than three (3) hours after the event giving rise to the claim, accompanied by One Hundred U.S. Dollars (US \$100.00) or its equivalent in the host country's national currency.

The CT-CONCECADE shall resolve such claims as quickly as possible, depending on the seriousness of the case.

Article 45. The cash deposits required shall be returned immediately if the protest is ruled in favor of the complainant. If the protest is not upheld, the funds shall remain with the OC.

### **CHAPTER XVI.**

#### **Sanctions.**

Article 46. This chapter shall apply to any athlete, official, or accredited governmental body that commits acts against the sport or the JEDECAC Regulations during the Games. Sanctions shall be imposed after a thorough investigation of the case conducted by the CT-CONCECADE, depending on the seriousness of the offense, and may consist of:

- a) Verbal warning.
- b) Written warning.
- c) Cancellation of participation in the Games, withdrawal of accreditation, and permanent expulsion.
- d) Withdrawal of medals obtained.
- e) Cancellation of participation in future Games.

Article 47. In the event of false statements made by athletes and para-athletes, officials, members of the CT and CE-CONCECADE regarding their eligibility or nationality, verified by the Court of Appeals through the CT-CONCECADE, the offenders shall be immediately expelled.

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## **CHAPTER XVII.**

### **Technical Meetings**

Article 48. The technical meetings shall be held one day prior to the start of the events of each sports discipline and will take place in the venues designated for this purpose by the OC. The following shall participate:

- A delegate from the CT-CONCECADE, who will supervise and preside over the meeting.
- The Technical Coordinator of each sports discipline, who will coordinate the meeting.
- The Sports Delegates from each country, who will be responsible for voting and making decisions.
- The Coaches, who will advise the delegates.
- The Referee Coordinator.

The agenda to be developed shall include the following aspects:

- General Regulations and Competition Regulations of CONCECADE.
- Matters related to refereeing.
- Appointment of the Court of Appeals.
- Reception and verification of the original nominal registration documents by sports discipline, an indispensable requirement for participation.
- Draw (when applicable), competition schedule, and training timetable.
- Administrative matters (Accommodation, Meals, Transportation, Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Awards, Medical Insurance).

The decisions of the technical meetings, prior to the competitions of the JEDECAC, must be consistent with the current regulations of the Games and with those of the International Federation of each respective discipline.

The highest technical authority of the Games is the CT-CONCECADE, whose decisions must be respected and followed.

The OC shall provide each participant in the technical meeting with a file containing at least the following:

- General Regulations of the JEDECAC and Competition Bases of the discipline.
- Nominal registration of all participating countries.
- Official schedule of competitions and training.

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- Inaugural and Closing Program of the JEDECAC.
- General information on accreditation, internal transportation, accommodation, meals, recreational program, main command post, medical post, etc.

## **CHAPTER XVIII**

### **Accommodation and Meals**

Article 49. The OC shall provide competitors and official delegation personnel with accommodation and meal services starting one day prior to the beginning of the competition, throughout the event, and until one day after its conclusion, according to the needs.

## **CHAPTER XIX**

### **Transportation**

Article 50. The OC shall provide transportation for all delegations from their arrival until their departure from the host country, in accordance with the official schedule, as well as from the accommodation sites to the competition and training venues, depending on the distance, thereby ensuring the delegation's presence with sufficient time for warm-up and participation. A light vehicle shall be provided for each of the following participants: Executive members, members of the CT-CONCECADE, and Heads of Mission of the countries.

## **CHAPTER XX**

### **Medical Care**

Article 51. In the event that any participant suffers an accident during the JEDECAC, the OC shall be responsible for providing immediate medical attention, hospitalization, and any necessary therapeutic treatment, while the participant remains in the host country.

The OC shall establish medical care centers and mobile units to attend emergencies at competition and accommodation sites.

If delegations do not comply with the OC's medical care provisions, they shall assume full responsibility for the consequences. It is recommended that participating countries provide their delegations with medical insurance coverage.

## CHAPTER XXI

### Protocol

Article 52. The call or invitation to participate in the JEDECAC shall be delivered or sent by CONCECADE at least one year prior to the Games.

Article 53. The protocol for the opening, closing, and award ceremonies shall be strictly observed by the OC, ensuring careful attention to all details.

Article 54. Protocol ceremonies shall not be excessively long and must include the presence of the following:

- a) Authorities of the ODG of CONCECADE member countries.
- b) Government authorities of the host country.
- c) Members of the CT-CONCECADE.
- d) Official delegations of the participating countries.
- e) Special guests.

f) Members of the OC.

Article 55. The opening ceremony program shall include the following:

- a) Parade of participants.
- b) National Anthem of the host country.
- c) Anthem of the Games (if applicable).
- d) Welcome address by the President of the OC.
- e) Address by the President of CONCECADE.
- f) Remarks by the highest Government Authority of the host country and the declaration of the Games' inauguration.
- g) Oath of athletes and referees.
- h) Torch relay and lighting of the cauldron.
- i) Relocation of participants to the designated area.
- j) Artistic/Cultural presentation.

Article 56. Oaths:

- a) The athlete chosen to deliver the athletes' and para-athletes' oath shall declare the following:

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*"I promise that we shall take part in these Central American and Caribbean School Sports Games, respecting and abiding by their regulations, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory and strengthening of school sport."*

b) For the referees' oath, the following shall be declared:

*"In the name of all referees and judges, we promise to perform our duties in these Central American and Caribbean School Sports Games with full competence, impartiality, and in respect and compliance with their regulations, in the true spirit of sportsmanship."*

Article 57. The individual awarding ceremonies (presentation of gold, silver, and bronze medals) by sport discipline of the JEDECAC shall be held immediately after the conclusion of the respective competitions, at the same venue where the event takes place, with the athletes wearing their official presentation uniform.

At the end of all sport disciplines, a general Closing Ceremony of the Games shall be held, where trophies will be awarded to the countries that achieve the top three (3) positions in the Overall Medal Table (according to the global results of the participating delegations), as well as the special recognitions approved by the CE-CONCECADE.

The following shall participate in these awarding and closing ceremonies:

- a) All delegations participating in the JEDECAC.
- b) Government Authorities.
- c) Members of CONCECADE.
- d) Members of CT-CONCECADE.
- e) Members of the OC.
- f) Special Guests.

In the individual awarding ceremonies of each sport discipline, the following protocol shall be carried out:

- b) Formation of the participating delegations and of the persons in charge of conducting the awarding.
- c) Entrance of the athletes and para-athletes who achieved the top three (3) positions, in the following order:

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- b.1. Third Place.
- b.2. First Place.
- b.3. Second Place.
- c) Entrance of the persons in charge of conducting the awarding.
- d) Presentation of the respective medals in the following order:
  - d.1. Third Place.
  - d.2. Second Place.
  - d.3. First Place.
- e) National anthem of the country that obtained the gold medal (to be played for a minimum of 20 seconds).
- f) Exit of the winning athletes and para-athletes, and of the persons in charge of conducting the awarding.

Article 58. In the general Closing Ceremony of the JEDECAC, the following shall be provided at a minimum:

- a) National anthem of the host country of the JEDECAC.
- b) Anthem of the Games (if applicable).
- c) Presentation of trophies to the winning countries, according to the overall results of the JEDECAC, in the following order:
  - c.1. Special recognitions.
  - c.2. Third Place
  - c.3. Second Place..
  - c.4. First Place.
- e) Remarks by Government Authorities.
- f) Words of handover to the host of the next Games.
- g) Official declaration of the conclusion of the Games by the highest governmental authority of the host country or by the ODG of the host country.
- h) Artistic performance or social activity, designed at the discretion and within the budgetary possibilities of the host.

**CHAPTER XXII.**

**Awards, Diplomas, and Distinctions.**

**Article 59.** The OC shall grant awards in accordance with the international regulations of the sport disciplines included in the official program and as established below:

**1. For individual events:**

- Gold Medal for 1st Place.
- Silver Medal for 2nd Place.
- Bronze Medal for 3rd Place; in some sports, two (2) third places are awarded.

**2. For team sports:**

- Trophy to the team finishing in 1st Place, and a Gold Medal to each of its members.
- Trophy to the team finishing in 2nd Place, and a Silver Medal to each of its members.
- Trophy to the team finishing in 3rd Place, and a Bronze Medal to each of its members.
- For the final country ranking in team sports, the total number of medals awarded shall correspond to the number of players on the field.

**3. To the participating countries:**

- Trophy to the first, second, and third Place in the Overall Medal Table of the Games. The winner shall be the country obtaining the most gold medals; in case of a tie, the number of silver medals shall be considered, and if the tie persists, the number of bronze medals shall be taken into account.

**Article 60.** All participants will be able to download the certificate of participation from the Games platform.

**Note:** The medals, trophies, and participation diplomas shall include the emblematic figure of the JEDECAC.

**CHAPTER XXIII.**

**Media and communications**

**Article 61.** The OC shall establish and organize a central office to serve the journalists officially accredited for the event.

**Article 62.** Each participating delegation may accredit one (1) press representatives, who shall

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have access to all official, social, and protocol events held during the Games.

Article 63. At each venue where official sporting events take place, efforts shall be made to provide a special area for radio personnel, written press, photographers, and cameramen.

Article 64. The OC shall make available to the Head of Mission and to official journalists a designated section in which the daily information bulletins, technical results of the day, program of activities for the following day, and all other necessary press information shall be deposited.

## **CHAPTER XXIV.**

### **Games Report.**

Article 65. At the conclusion of the Games, the OC shall submit to the CT-CONCECADE a draft of the Games Report for approval, which shall contain the complete results of the sporting events. The official report shall be presented at the immediate general meeting following the Games, convened by CONCECADE.

Article 66. The JEDECAC Reports must be available thirty (30) calendar days after their conclusion, and the content must essentially guarantee the following information:

- a) Historical overview of CONCECADE and its governing structure.
- b) General calendar of activities of the JEDECAC.
- c) Messages:
  - c.1. From the highest Governmental Authority of the host country.
  - c.2. From the Presidency of CONCECADE.
  - c.3. From the highest authority of the host city.
  - c.4. From the highest Governmental Sports Authority of the host country.
  - c.5. From the highest Educational Authority of the host country.
- d) Summary of the results of previous editions of the JEDECAC.
- e) General summary of medals by gender, sport discipline, and overall of the recently concluded JEDECAC, as well as of the special recognitions awarded.

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f) Participants and results by sport discipline in alphabetical order, containing:

- f.1. Venue and date of competition.
- f.2. Minutes of technical meetings.
- f.3. List of participants by country with their function.
- f.4. Competition schedule.
- f.5. Results by sport discipline.
- f.6. Final standings.
- f.7. Individual and team statistics.
- f.8. Medal table by sport discipline, by gender, and overall.
- f.9. Photographs.

The Games Reports shall be sent to the following institutions, persons, and in the quantities indicated. In cases where more than one copy is required, the first may be the original document and the remaining copies may be in CD format:

CE-CONCECADE: 1 copy per member.

CT-CONCECADE: 1 copy per member.

OC: At the discretion of the host country.

Participating Countries: 5 copies.

## **CHAPTER XXV**

### **Competition Regulations**

Article 67. The competition regulations shall be established by the host country in accordance with the rules of the international federations and shall be submitted to the international technical director for review and evaluation with the CT-CONCECADE. Once evaluated, they shall be forwarded to the CE-CONCECADE for ratification.

## **CHAPTER XXVI.**

### **General Provisions.**

Article 68. Access to the competition areas designated for the Games shall only be permitted to duly accredited persons.

Article 69. The member countries of CONCECADE that have been honored by being chosen as hosts of the JEDECAC are obliged to comply with all provisions of this General Regulations

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and the Competition Regulations of each sport discipline.

Article 70. The CE-CONCECADE authorizes the CT-CONCECADE to resolve any issue not contemplated in this Regulation, in coordination with the OC.

This Regulation was approved at the installation of the first Organizing Committee of the VII Central American and Caribbean School Sports Games – Córdoba 2025, held on July 31, 2025, entering into force immediately, and shall be sent by the Presidency of CONCECADE in office to all member ODGs.

## **CHAPTER XXVII**

### **COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS**

NOTE. Only the members of the official delegation duly registered shall be recognized by the Organizing Committee to be granted the corresponding facilities.

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The number of persons comprising the Delegations shall be established in the following table:

| N°    | SPORT          | CIFRAS MAXIMA PARTICIPANTES |      |       |       |          |       |
|-------|----------------|-----------------------------|------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
|       |                | FEM                         | MALE | TOTAL | COACH | DELEGATE | TOTAL |
| 1     | CHESS          | 5                           | 5    | 10    | 2     | 1        | 13    |
| 2     | ATHLETISM      | 16                          | 16   | 32    | 4     | 1        | 37    |
| 3     | PARA ATHLETISM | 10                          | 10   | 20    | 4     | 1        | 25    |
| 4     | BASKET 3X3     | 4                           | 4    | 8     | 2     | 1        | 11    |
| 5     | BOXING         | 12                          | 13   | 25    | 2     | 1        | 28    |
| 6     | JUDO           | 8                           | 8    | 16    | 2     | 1        | 19    |
| 7     | KARATE DO      | 10                          | 10   | 20    | 2     | 1        | 23    |
| 8     | WEIGHTLIFTING  | 10                          | 10   | 20    | 2     | 1        | 23    |
| 9     | SWIMMING       | 12                          | 12   | 24    | 2     | 1        | 27    |
| 10    | PARA SWIMMING  | 4                           | 4    | 8     | 4     | 1        | 13    |
| 11    | TAEKWONDO      | 7                           | 7    | 14    | 2     | 1        | 17    |
| 12    | TABLE TENNIS   | 4                           | 4    | 8     | 2     | 1        | 11    |
| 13    | VOLEYBALL      | 12                          | 12   | 24    | 2     | 1        | 27    |
| TOTAL |                | 114                         | 115  | 229   | 32    | 13       | 274   |

|       |                    |   |
|-------|--------------------|---|
| 1     | HEAD OF MISSION    | 1 |
| 2     | TECNICAL OFFICIALS | 4 |
| 3     | MEDICAL SPECIALIST | 2 |
| 4     | MEDIA              | 1 |
| TOTAL |                    | 8 |

TOTAL DELEGATION

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