

CAF ICC GROUP STAGE STADIUM REQUIREMENTS**Section 1: Pitch Surrounding Areas****Field of play (As per the IFAB Laws of the Game)**

1. The field of play must be smooth and level.
2. The stadium must be equipped with either a natural grass or artificial turf.
3. Artificial turf must meet all of the following conditions:
 - a. it must have been granted the required FIFA license, which can only be delivered after the turf in question has been tested by a FIFA-accredited laboratory as meeting the FIFA quality standards for artificial turf;
 - b. it must meet all the requirements of the national legislation in force;
 - c. Its surface must be green and marked in white.
4. Length: Minimum 100m and maximum 110m.
5. Width: Minimum 64m and maximum 75m.
6. The field of play must be equipped with a drainage system so that it cannot become unplayable due to flooding.

Warm-up area

A warm-up area for substitutes must be available along the touchlines or behind the advertising boards behind the goal. If the warm-up area is located behind the advertising boards behind the goal, it must be made of at least artificial turf which is a soft on 3rd generation.

Goals and spare goals

1. Goalposts and crossbars must be in compliance with the Laws of the Game as promulgated by the International Football Association Board (IFAB), which means, in particular, that:
 - a) the distance between the posts must be 7.32m;
 - b) the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground must be 2.44m;
 - c) the goalposts and crossbars must be white;
 - d) They must not pose any danger to players.
2. A spare goal, which can be easily installed if the circumstances so require, must be available within the stadium. The main goalposts must be removable in order to guarantee easy and quick installation of the spare goals.

Teams Substitutes and Match officials' benches

1. The stadium must be equipped with:
 - a. Two (2) covered benches at pitch level, each with seating room for at least fourteen (14) persons and positioned at least five (5) meter from the touchline.
 - b. One (1) covered bench at pitch level with seating room for four (4) match officials.

Flagpoles

The stadium must be equipped with a minimum of six (6) flagpoles or other kinds of support allowing six (6) flags to be flown at the stadium.

Floodlighting

For matches that will not be played during daylight and which will be played under floodlight:

The floodlight is a critical element for the quality of high-definition TV coverage. The floodlight system should be designed to avoid glare for players and officials and to minimize shadows as much as possible.

A Minimum horizontal illuminance of 1200 Lux should be provided all over the pitch.

The floodlight must uniformly cover every area of the playing field. The ratio between the minimum horizontal illuminance value and the average illuminance value should exceed 70%.

In order to ensure that the match can proceed in the event of a power failure, an independent backup power supply system that is able to provide the equivalent light-intensity values instantaneously and without interruption must be available.

The floodlight should be available on match eve for the installation and rehearsal of the TV Production team.

Section 2: Teams and CAF Officials

Teams and Referees Dressing rooms

1. The stadium must be equipped with:
 - a. Two (2) Team Dressing Rooms. Each Dressing Room must be equipped with the following minimum requirements:
 - i. Five (5) showers;
 - ii. Five (5) individual seated toilets;
 - iii. Seating and lockers for at least twenty five (25) persons;
 - iv. One (1) massage table;
 - v. One (1) tactical board (white board/flip chart with pens) ;
 - vi. Hot and Cold Water;
 - vii. Good ventilation or air-conditioning.
 - b. One (1) referees dressing room which must be equipped with the following minimum requirements:
 - i. One (1) shower;
 - ii. One (1) individual seated toilet;
 - iii. Four (4) seats;
 - iv. Four (4) lockers;
 - v. One (1) desk;
 - vi. Internet connectivity;
 - vii. Hot and cold water;

- viii. Good ventilation or air-conditioning;
 - ix. Fridge;
 - x. Tactical Board;
 - xi. First-Aid kits;
 - xii. Electronic Substitution boards to be used during the match;
 - xiii. Pump and Pressure gages for the match balls.
2. The stadium must guarantee direct, private and secure access for both teams and referees from their dressing rooms to the playing area. It must ensure their safe arrival at/departure from the stadium.

Storage facilities, Ball boys and flag bearers' room(s)

1. The stadium must have a minimum of two (2) storage rooms with an area of 10m² (ten square meters) each and they must be secured and with close access to field of play.
2. A room(s) for the ball boys and flag bearers with nearby toilet facilities. The room(s) must accommodate at least twenty (20) persons.

Meeting Room

It is preferable to have a meeting room to accommodate twenty (20) persons. The tables and chairs to be arranged in a U-shape.

This room would be used in case of crisis.

Parking areas

1. Parking space for a minimum of two (2) buses and ten (10) cars must be available for the teams and officials.
2. This parking space must be located in a safe and secure area in the immediate vicinity of the players' and officials' areas.
3. A dedicated, safe and secure parking area for VIP and VVIP Guests.
4. Parking Area(s) to be dedicated to the supporters.

Section 3: Medical-Related Areas

First-aid and treatment facilities for players and officials

1. The stadium must be equipped with a dedicated room for first aid and medical treatment of players and officials which must be equipped with the following requirements:
 - a. One (1) examination and treatment table.
 - b. Emergency Medicaments.
 - c. Minor Surgery Supplies and equipment.
 - d. Automatic Ventilator.
 - e. Oxygen with appropriate masks/oral airway.
 - f. Splints (spinal Injuries and fractures of the limbs).
 - g. Stretchers.
 - h. Suction machine.
 - i. I/V Drip set with emergency injections and medication.

- j. Defibrillator with rhythm and patient data recording (AED).
 - k. Cardiac monitor.
 - l. External cardiac pacing.
 - m. Central vein catheters.
 - n. Intubation equipment.
 - o. Immobilization equipment like vacuum mattress, spinal board, cervical collar-set.
 - p. Stethoscope.
 - q. BP monitor with cuff size 10 cm/66 cm.
 - r. Pupil lamp.
 - s. Reflex hammer.
 - t. Blood sugar gauge and/or blood sugar test sticks.
 - u. Digital thermometer.
 - v. Pulse oximeter.
 - w. Capnometer.
2. The Stadium must have eight (8) Stretcher Carriers (Four (4) on each side of the pitch).
 3. Parking Spaces within the Stadium must be identified for Two (2) ambulances with designated drivers.
 4. The Ambulances must be equipped with Oxygen masks, defibrillator, I/V Drip Sets, Emergency Medicaments and trained Medical Staff, which shall be provided by the hosts at their own expense.
 5. The access ways/entrances to the medical rooms, the players' tunnel, the dressing rooms and the VIP areas must be free for the ambulances at any time. Media should not be allowed in this area.

Doping control Room

1. The stadium must be equipped with a dedicated doping control Room which meets the following requirements:
 - a. The doping control room must be near the team dressing room and it must be inaccessible to any person that is not involved with the doping control process unless an approval is granted by the Doping Control Officer.
 - b. It must comprise a waiting room, an office for the Doping Control Officer and toilet area, all adjoining.
 - c. The waiting room must form part of or be immediately adjacent to the office of the Doping Control Officer (a partition dividing the two (2) areas is also acceptable). It must contain a TV, a refrigerator equipped with non-alcoholic drinks in sealed mineral water bottles, Wastepaper bin for bottles, a ventilator and sufficient seating for at least eight (8) persons.
 - d. The office of the Doping Control Officer must contain one (1) desk with four (4) chairs, one (1) lockable cabinet, a washbasin and a mirror, two (2) large wastepaper bins, one (1) desk for doping control equipment.
 - e. The toilet area must be immediately next to the doping control room, with direct private access. It must contain a seated toilet, toilet paper, a sink with running water, a mirror, towels, wastepaper bin and, if possible, a shower.

Section 4: Spectator-related areas

Stands and spectator facilities

1. Seats for spectators must be individual, fixed (e.g. to the floor), separated from one another, shaped, numbered, made of an unbreakable and non-flammable material, and have a backrest of a minimum height of thirty (30) cm when measured from the seat.
2. The use of temporary stands is prohibited.
3. Seats for VIP and VVIP Tribune must be individual, fixed (e.g. to the floor), separated from one another, shaped, numbered, made of an unbreakable and non-flammable material, and have a backrest of a minimum height of thirty (30) cm when measured from the seat.
4. The stadium must be equipped with refreshment and catering facilities for all spectators in every sector of the stadium.

Spectator Capacity and attendance

1. The Stadium must have a capacity of at least ten thousand (10,000) seats.
2. The attendance in the stadium during CAF Match days cannot be less than 75% of the total capacity of the stadium.
3. The Stadium management must consider the maximum safe capacity of the stadium before the printing and sales of match tickets. The following considerations are needed to arrive at a maximum safe stadium capacity:
 - a. Entry Capacity: Number of spectators that can safely enter the stadium in 1 hour + Turnstile flow rate of 660 persons/per hour;
 - b. Holding Capacity: This is the number of useable seats. The following seats should be deducted: Obstructed views, Broken Seats, Seats below minimum dimension standard, seats which exceed the number permitted between radial gangways;
 - c. Exit Capacity: Number of spectators that can safely exit the stadium;
 - d. Emergency Evacuation Capacity: The number of spectators that can reach a safe area within 8 minutes. The safe area is to be defined according to the prevailing fire strategy contained in the evacuation plan.
4. The stadium must receive a safety certificate from the concerned local authorities in which they will set the permitted capacity for the stadium together with the detailed terms and conditions with which the stadium management must comply in order to operate the stadium at its permitted capacity.

Visiting supporters

At least five (5%) per cent of the total stadium capacity must be available exclusively for visiting supporters in a well secured and segregated area of the stadium.

Public access and egress

1. A minimum of two (2) external security rings should be created around the stadium external perimeter by security personnel before the stadium external perimeter fence.
2. Entry gates and/or turnstiles must be designed in such a way as to avoid congestion and ensure the smooth flow of crowds.
3. All public circulation areas, access and egress routes in each sector must be clearly distinguished from the seating areas. All exit doors and gates leading out of the stadium must be clearly indicated and signposted (for example by means of internationally understandable pictograms).
4. All exit doors and gates in the stadium, and all gates leading from the spectator areas into the playing area, must:
 - a. be designed to remain unlocked (but their usage is manned) while spectators are in the stadium;
 - b. Open outwards into the field of play in the event of an emergency evacuation from the stands.
5. Approaches to the stadium must be adequately signposted (for example by means of internationally understandable pictograms) to guide spectators to their sectors. Entry gates, exit gates and doors must be operational and similarly clearly indicated by signs which are universally understood.
6. The Stadium must be equipped with modern electronic access controls and automated counting systems delivering real-time spectators' attendance per sector and data analysis to the VOC and preventing the use of counterfeit tickets and overcrowding.

Venue Operation Centre

The Stadium must have a functional Venue Operations Centre with a good overview of the main bowl equipped with CCTV Monitors and an override capability over the Public Address System in the event of an emergency announcement. It must be properly staffed and shall serve as the safety and security command and control center.

Emergency lighting system

For the purposes of ensuring safety and guiding spectators and staff, the stadium must be equipped with an emergency lighting system approved by the competent local authorities for use in the event of a general lighting failure in any part of the stadium to which the public or staff have access, including all egress and evacuation routes.

Public address system

1. The stadium must be equipped with a public address system.
2. The public address system must cover both the inside and the outside of the stadium and be secured against failures of the main power supply.

Sanitary facilities for spectators

Sufficient clean and hygienic sanitary facilities for both sexes must be distributed throughout all sectors of the stadium. Toilets and urinals must be equipped with flushers. Sinks and amenities such as toilet paper and soap must be available.

First-aid facilities for spectators

1. Fully equipped first-aid facilities approved by the competent local authorities must be available for spectators in each sector of the stadium.
2. These facilities must be clearly identified and access to them must be clearly signposted.

Facilities for spectators with disabilities

1. The stadium must have dedicated access and seats for spectators with disabilities and their helpers.
2. The dedicated seats for spectators with disabilities cannot be around the playing field area and their space must be allocated in the stands.
3. In addition, persons with disabilities must have dedicated sanitary facilities as well as refreshment and catering facilities nearby.

Section 5: VIP, VVIP and Hospitality Area(s)

VIP and VVIP seats

1. The VIP and VVIP seats must be covered, in the grandstand and as close to the halfway line as possible, between the two penalty areas.
2. A dedicated lounge area must be available for the VIP Guests.
3. A dedicated lounge area must be available for the VVIP guests.

Section 6: Media-related areas

Stadium Media Center (SMC)

At least one (1) room equipped with desks, power supply, phone/internet connections and a television must be provided for media representatives.

Media Tribune

1. The Media Tribune must be covered and centrally located in the main grandstand. It must have an unobstructed view of the entire playing area and easy access to the other media areas.
2. In the Media Tribune, seats with desks must be equipped with power supply, internet connection (WI-FI) and LAN cables.
3. The desks must be big enough to accommodate a laptop computer and a notepad.
4. The Media Tribune should be accessible directly from the Media Center, the flash interview position, mixed zone and the press conference room.
5. In the Media Tribune, TV Screens and seats without desks must also be provided.

Press conference room

1. Within the stadium, a press conference room must be available and equipped with a Podium, camera platform, split box, sound system, (WI-FI) Internet Connection and chairs.
2. This room or section must have at least fifty (50) seats for the media representatives.

3. At the front, ideally the main access door, a platform with desk and seats is required for coaches, players and CAF Media officer.
4. At the rear, a camera platform 2mX3m and height 0.5m is required in the central position for the main camera.
5. An audio system is required with microphones and speakers.

Mixed Zone

1. A Mixed Zone must be available between the dressing rooms and the parking area reserved for the team buses.
2. The Mixed Zone must be covered and equipped with (WI-FI) internet connections.
3. Steel barriers need to be used to separate the journalists from the players and coaches.
4. The Mixed Zone area needs to be easily accessible from the media center and media stand.

Photographers' Area

1. An area must be available at either end of the Goalposts for Photographers.
2. Seats, power extensions, (WI-FI) internet connections and cables must be available in the Photographers' Area.

Media Facilities

1. All Media Facilities should be easily accessible and within each other's proximity if possible.
2. Media Entrance should be separate from other entrances at the Stadium.
3. A dedicated parking area for media must be available.

Section 7: TV and Broadcasting-related areas

Camera positions

1. One (1) main camera platform must be provided in the grandstand on west side. It must be centrally situated, at a height above the pitch which guarantees optimum picture quality.
2. The main camera position must be exactly in line with the halfway line and be at a height which forms an angle of 27-35° from the horizontal plane to the center spot.

TV and radio commentary positions

1. Commentary positions must be covered and centrally located in the main grandstand. They must have an unobstructed view of the entire playing area and easy access to the other media areas.
2. Each commentary position must consist of a desk with power supply and at least three (3) seats.
3. At least one (1) commentary position must be equipped with dedicated broadband internet access.

OB van area

1. The OB van area must be located as close as possible to the stadium, ideally on the same side as the main camera platform, on even and solid ground and with a power supply available.
2. It must either provide a clear, unobstructed view of the southern horizon, or a separate satellite uplink area is required no more than fifty (50) meters from the center of the OB van area.

Section 7: Training Facilities**Training Sites Minimum Requirements**

Each training site must have the following minimum requirements:

1. Floodlights with a minimum capacity of 500 LUX;
2. At least one (1) dressing room equipped with 23 seats and lockers;
3. A bench area equipped with 20 seats for reserve players and team officials;
4. Two (2) movable goals;
5. A minimum of five (5) showers, three (3) toilets, five (5) sinks and four (4) urinals;
6. An ambulance must be available for each training site during the training sessions of the teams;
7. Secured fencing around the training site;
8. Secured Entrance(s) and exit(s).