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Soccer

Soccer is a sport which is played by two teams with eleven players and a spherical ball. This sport is trendy, in that it is a sport played by over three hundred million players in many countries in the world, thus making it one of the greatest widespread sport in the world. Soccer is played on a rectangular box which has goals on both sides. The object of this sport is to move the ball beyond the goal line into the opponent goal. In soccer, players are not allowed to touch the ball using an outstretched hand, or using an arm while playing, but goalkeepers are allowed within the penalty area (Foer, Franklin 99). Players who are part of the sport use feet as a way of striking or passing the ball, but they may also use the other parts of the body excluding their arms and the hands. For soccer, the team which manages to score more goals become the winning team. If no team has scored at the when the play session has ended, the play is acknowledged as a draw by the referee or the play proceeds to additional time, or maybe a penalty session dependent on how the game has been formatted (Giulianotti, Richard 67). The original rules of the sport were set in England in the year 1863. International Federation of association of football, FIFA, this federation always organizes football for both women and men within four years.

In soccer, there are seventeen laws which govern the game, each of the law contain stipulated guidelines. These laws have been to apply to all levels of football, though sometimes there are

some modifications for some of juniors, women, people with disabilities and seniors. The law of the game has been framed in broader terms; this allows these rules being flexible depending on the nature of the war (McCrea, M. et al. 586). These laws of the sport have been set by FIFA, but they are implemented by International Football Association Board. To add to the seventeen laws, many of the international football association and some of the directives by the board back to the regulation of soccer.

The basic equipment which is allowed during the soccer game, include socks, footwear, shirt and also the shin guards. For male players a protective cup and an athletic supporter, this has been recommended by professionals and medical experts. In soccer, a headgear is prohibited as one of the paraphernalia, but those taking part in the game these days can wear headgears so that they are protected from head injuries (Jennings, Andrew 38). Players in soccer are not allowed to wear any equipment which is dangerous to them or other players; this includes watches and jewelry. The goalkeeper in soccer will always wear a uniform which can easily be distinguished from the players and other match officials.

In a soccer game also some of the players may be replaced by substitutes as the game is being played. The number of players which are allowed to be substituted is three, though the number of substitutes may vary when it comes friendly matches (Ruiz, Rebecca 101). Some of the reasons for substituting players include injuries, a tactical switch, and ineffectiveness. In soccer, a player who has been substituted may not take part in the game. The game should not continue if the players are less than seven.

A soccer game is always started by a referee. The referee has the full power to implement the rules of the game in football in about the play which he or she has been selected to officiate. The decisions of the referee are always final, and he has two subordinate referees. In some of the top-

level sports, there is always the fourth allowed person who helps the ref and may substitute one of the officials if the need arises.

In standard soccer, it has two halves of forty-five minutes each, which is the standard. Each of the halves will run continuously; this means the clock will not stop when the player is out of play. Between the two halves, there is always a fifteen-minute break. When the match ends, it is called fulltime. The referee of the match is the official timekeeper for the game but may add some extra time depending on the time which has been lost during injuries, stoppage time and substitutions. Stoppage time does not lead to compensation for time in which the ball was out of play; a ninety-minute game involves of almost an hour of effective playing time. The referee has the power to signal that the game has ended. In soccer games where the fourth certified official is chosen, when the halftime is about to end, the referee will signal will signal the amount of time he intends to add. The added was introduced because occurred in 1891 at a game between Aston Villa and stoke city.

In soccer, foul happens when players break the law which is enumerated in the rules of the sport when the sport is being played. The wrongdoings which constitute, when the player handle the ball deliberately, pushing the opponent, when and the opponent is tripped. A referee will punish the player misconducts by using a caution of a yellow card and a dismal by using a red card. Nonplayers or managers of the game cannot be given the red or yellow card, but they may be ejected to the technical zone when they behave in an irresponsible.

#### FIFA corruption

FIFA associates and officials have been involved in many corruption cases, governing soccer, beach futsal, and beach soccer. In May 2015, fourteen people were indicted as result of the

investigation by Federal Bureau of investigations into allegations of racketeering, money laundering, and wire fraud. These investigations mainly revolve around collusion by the officials of continental football bodies and the sports marketing executives. The sports marketing executives held the marketing and media rights for the top competitions, Americas FIFA world cup games. In this corruption cases, it was alleged that corruption was used to influence sponsorships for clothing, and the sections of the country which holds the world cup in 2010, in the FIFA presidential election. A sports equipment company is alleged to have paid bribes so that it can be the main provider of accessories, footwear, uniforms and equipment for the Brazil national team.

When the corruption cases of FIFA arose. It was reported that the secretary general of FIFA allegedly transferred ten million dollars which had been given to FIFA by the president of the South African football (Pilon 56). This bribe was allegedly given to South Africa to secure hosting world cup come 2010. American football executive pleaded to ten criminal charges such as money laundering, fraud conspiracy, also offenses which involved banking and income tax. All in the year 2011 Al Majid who was part of the people who bided for 2022 Qatar successful world cup bid, became a whistleblower. She claimed that Qatar had bribe African head of football has been bribed with one point million for them to choose f Qatar as the host the world cup, but the alleged official who was deemed to have been bribe denied this allegation. She later withdrew the statements and is that she had fabricated the statements to gin media attention. Also, there was some allegation of fraud which involved the bidding process which resulted in Russia being awarded to host the world cup in 2018 and also Qatar in 2022.

Also, the fraud which has involved soccer match-fixing, this includes fixing games in European qualifying word cup championships. This match fixing issue has been describing by some of the

football managers as a crisis while some have stated that if this vice continues, the football is dead. This issue has also affected some other sports in the world. In 2011 FIFA set anti match-fixing, and I have been warned that if this continues, it will endanger the integrity of soccer game. A large number of clubs in many countries have been subject to match-fixing, this includes Spain, Australia, and China. Also, FIFA had to open proceedings on match-fixing issues on six individuals, following an investigation into some of the international games. The games which were under suspicion were Estonia and Bulgaria, officially become alerted due to the abnormal betting patterns which involved the two games.

Also one of the fractions in soccer include age fabrication, this is the use of wringing age documentation so that you can have an advantage over the opponents. This has been happening a lot in soccer and has been a common fraud in countries where the officials' records cannot be verified easily (Sugden, John et al. 55). FIFA has said that people who are overage have entered into youth competitions wrongly. Hence this will give an advantage to other teams by benefitting because overage players will have matured physically.

In the year 2011 in one of the documentaries by British broadcasting cooperation, title FIFA dirty secrets. This documentary was broadcasted before Russia and Qatar were announce to be the host of 2018 and 2022 world cup respectively (Boyko, Ryan 108). When it was announced, the result caused a lot of controversies as Russia had been accused of having a high level of football racism. The decision to choose Qatar also was criticized since it had a limited history of football.

Also in 2011 former American football executive exposed that one of the members in the Qatari bid for world cup claimed that money had been paid to one of the football executives so that he could buy votes/. Chuck and Blazer were arrested on bribery charges. Blazer and Warner were suspended from FIFA around the same time (Long 44). The alleged bribery allegations in 2018

and 2022 bribery allegations could not be released because of legality issues concerning the same.

FIFA pronounced that the bids for practice for 2026 world cup will be suspended because of the bribery allegation which surrounded the other bids for the world cup. Some of the defendants have been convicted as a result of the FIFA fraud allegation; this involves executives of some of the sports marketing company. Some of the football sponsors had to call for Blatter to resign because of these allegations.

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