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NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION GUIDELINES



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Competition: Team (National Teams)

This document defines the official competition format, including the group phase structure, playoff format, overall ranking methodology, and tiebreaker criteria for all Team Competitions at the FIFG FootGolf World Cup 2026.

All procedures are designed to ensure sporting fairness, clarity, and transparency, in full accordance with FIFG Competition Regulations and World Cup standards.

The Team World Cup is played in Match Play format.

PROGRAM

Monday - June 1

19:45 - Welcome Ceremony

Tuesday - June 2

Registration - Princess Hotel

7:00 - Practice - Turtle Dunes & Tres Vidas

Captains meeting (evening)

Wednesday - June 3

Group Phase - Game 1 (morning)

Group Phase - Game 2 (afternoon)

Captain's meeting (night)

Thursday - June 4

Group Phase - Game 3 (morning)

Captains meeting (evening)

Friday - June 5

Round of 16 - Men and Senior

Quarterfinals - Women

Consolation Games

Captains meeting (evening)

Saturday - June 6

Quarter finals - Men and Senior (morning)

Semifinals - All categories

Consolation Games

Captain's meeting (night)

Sunday - June 7

3rd Place Games

Consolation Games

FINALS

19:45 - Prize Ceremony

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The FIFG FootGolf World Cup Acapulco 2026 Team Country Competitions will be played in match play format, across two official golf complexes:

1. Turtle Dunes:

- a. Courses
 - i. Turtle (Turquoise)
 - ii. Dunes (Grey)

2. Tres Vidas

- a. Courses:
 - i. Tres (Green)
 - ii. Vidas (Red)

Competition categories are assigned to courses as follows:

- Men's Team Competition: Courses Turtle and Tres
- Women's Team Competition: Courses Dunes and Vidas
- Senior Team Competition: Courses Dunes and Vidas

Requirements for Competition Attendance

To participate players must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. World Tour License 2026
2. Rules test
 - Players are required to successfully complete an online rules test to confirm their understanding of competition regulations.
3. Anti-Doping Education
 - Pass the International-Level Athletes Education Program (ADEL). Send Certificate to your countries association.
 - Please note that approximately 1,500 players have already completed the course since November 2024 and are therefore exempt from taking it again. The certificate is valid for two years.

BASIC RULES

The tournament will be conducted according to the official rules of the game established by the Federation for International FootGolf. The complete set of rules can be found at <https://www.footgolf.sport/rules>. It is each player's responsibility to read, understand, and apply these rules appropriately.



Match Play Rules

View the Match Play & Team Competition Rulebook for more information on the match types information and rules.

Local Rules

Will be published on another document closer to the tournament date.

Tournament Registration

Princess Hotel - on practice day

Competition Categories (Live Scoring links)

On FIFG Website: <https://www.footgolf.sport/acapulcoworldcup2026/leaderboard-group/>

Men: <https://fifg.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/fifg25/event/fifg25386/contest/1/leaderboard.htm>

Senior: <https://fifg.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/fifg25/event/fifg25387/contest/1/leaderboard.htm>

Women: <https://fifg.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/fifg25/event/fifg25388/contest/1/leaderboard.htm>

Players from Senior or Senior Plus categories may play on the Men's team - Senior Plus may play in the Senior team. They must be pre-listed before the event. A player cannot compete in both Men and Senior teams.

Team Eligibility & Composition

Team Composition Requirements

Each country must present, at a minimum, all designated starting players at the beginning of the Team World Cup. Teams must comply with the official squad size and competition format defined for each category.

Men's Teams

24 teams

22 players per team:

- 11 starters
- 7 substitutes
- 4 reserves (May be caddies when not playing)

Match formats:

- 3 Individuals + 3 substitutes
- 3 Foursome + 3 substitutes
- 1 Fourball + 1 substitutes

Senior Teams

24 teams

12 players per team:

- 6 starters
- 4 substitutes
- 2 reserves

Match formats:

- 2 Individual + 2 substitutes
- 2 Foursome + 2 substitutes

Women's Teams*

16 teams

8 players per team:

- 4 starters
- 3 substitutes
- 1 reserves

Match formats:

- 2 Individuals + 2 substitutes
- 1 Foursome + 1 substitutes

*For participation in a game a women team must present a Foursome and Individual squad.

Order of Play – Match Flights

The order of play for team matches is defined by category and is structured into flights, each flight consisting of the specified match formats.

Men's Team Competition – Order of Play

- Flight 1: Individual 1 & Foursome 1
- Flight 2: Individual 2 & Foursome 2
- Flight 3: Individual 3 & Foursome 3
- Flight 4: Fourball 1

Senior Team Competition – Order of Play

- Flight 1: Individual 1 & Foursome 1
- Flight 2: Individual 2 & Foursome 2

Women's Team Competition – Order of Play

- Flight 1: Individual 1 & Individual 2
- Flight 2: Foursome 1

Qualification & Allocation of Team Spots

Team Qualification

Qualification spots for the Men’s, Senior, and Women’s Team Competitions have been distributed across the five (5) global FIFG regions, ensuring balanced worldwide representation aligned with participation levels.

The allocation reflects current levels of participation and competitiveness within each region, balancing global representation with merit-based entry.

Draw & Group Formation

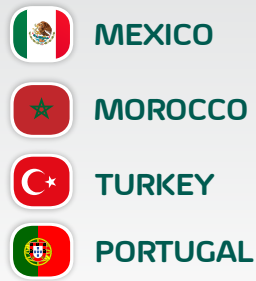
Group formation and draw procedures were defined separately and conducted according to FIFG regulations, regional restrictions, and pot allocation rules approved for the FIFG FootGolf World Cup Acapulco 2026.

MEN Category

GROUP A



GROUP B



GROUP C



GROUP D



GROUP E



GROUP F



SENIOR MEN Category

GROUP A

-  HUNGARY
-  BRAZIL
-  SLOVENIA
-  SCOTLAND

GROUP B

-  ARGENTINA
-  FRANCE
-  PORTUGAL
-  TURKEY


GROUP C

-  MEXICO
-  MALAYSIA
-  ENGLAND
-  POLAND

GROUP D

-  SOUTH AFRICA
-  NORWAY
-  URUGUAY
-  RUSFOOTGOLF

GROUP E

-  JAPAN
-  ITALY
-  CHILE
-  GERMANY

GROUP F

-  SLOVAKIA
-  UNITED STATES
-  SPAIN
-  SWITZERLAND

WOMEN Category





GROUP A

-  SCOTLAND
-  MEXICO
-  CHILE
-  TURKEY

GROUP B

-  UNITED STATES
-  BRAZIL
-  SPAIN
-  SWITZERLAND

GROUP C

-  JAPAN
-  FRANCE
-  URUGUAY
-  RUSFOOTGOLF

GROUP D

-  SLOVAKIA
-  SOUTH AFRICA
-  HUNGARY
-  ARGENTINA

Competition Format

Group Phase – Match Schedule Format

For all Team Country Competitions (Men's, Senior, and Women's), the group phase is played using a standardized round-robin format, where each team plays every other team in its group once.

All games must be played to 18 holes to count the hole difference in case of ties
Each group consists of four (4) teams, with matches scheduled as follows:

Game 1

- Team 1 vs Team 4
- Team 2 vs Team 3

Game 2

- Team 1 vs Team 3
- Team 2 vs Team 4

Game 3

- Team 1 vs Team 2
- Team 3 vs Team 4

Ranking Criteria, Point Distribution & Tiebreakers

Primary Ranking Criterion

Points obtained during the group phase are the primary criterion for all rankings.

Point Distribution

1. Points Allocation in Game

- Victory: 3 points
- Tie: 1 point
- Defeat: 0 points

2. Points Allocation in a Match

- Victory: 1 point
- Tie: 0 point
- Defeat: 0 points

Tiebreakers – Teams Within the Same Group

In case of a tie in points the tiebreak criteria used to determine group positions (1st to 4th):

1. Match Difference
2. Matches Won
3. Head-to-Head Result
4. Hole Difference
5. Holes Won

Tiebreakers – Teams from Different Groups

Used to determine overall playoff rankings and seeding (see 8.1.3):

1. Match Difference
2. Matches Won
3. Hole Difference
4. Holes Won

Tiebreaker during Playoffs (Round of 16 thru Semifinals)

- In case of tie during round of 16, quarterfinals or semifinal playoff games, the winner will be the team with the best hole difference during that game. If the tie persists, there will be a sudden death tiebreaker (match play) on the field in 1 Foursome Match, Hole TBC. If tie persists after three holes, 5 penalty putts.
- Coaches can select any 2 players and 1 substitute that have participated in the game to form part of the Foursome match.

Tiebreaker in Team Finals

• Tiebreak in team finals, hole difference will not apply. In case of a tie in matches there will be a playoff 1 hole. Coaches/Captains can select different matches that were played during the final. Details by category:

- Men - 1 Individual, 1 Foursome, 1 Fourball
 - 1 hole sudden death - hole 18 - If tie persists - 5 Penalty Putts
- Senior - 1 Foursome
 - 1 holes - hole 18 - If tie persists - 5 Penalty Putts
- Women - 1 Foursome
 - 1 holes - hole 18 - If tie persists - 5 Penalty Putts

Playoffs & Final Classification

Men's and Senior Team Competitions

Playoff Format

The playoff stage consists of:

Round of 16

Quarterfinals

Semifinals

Final

All games should be played until the end.

Qualification to Playoffs (Round of 16)

- The top two (2) teams from each group qualify
- The four (4) best third-placed teams also qualify

A total of sixteen (16) teams advance to the Round of 16.

Overall Ranking for Playoffs (Positions 1-16)

- Positions 1-6: First-placed teams from each group
- Positions 7-12: Second-placed teams from each group
- Positions 13-16: Four best third-placed teams

Rankings are determined by total points obtained in the group phase. If teams are tied on points, the tiebreaker criteria defined in Section 7 apply.

Round of 16 Matchups

- Match A: 1st vs 16th
- Match B: 8th vs 9th
- Match C: 5th vs 12th
- Match D: 4th vs 13th
- Match E: 3rd vs 14th
- Match F: 6th vs 11th
- Match G: 7th vs 10th
- Match H: 2nd vs 15th

Quarterfinal matchups will be played as follows:

- Quarterfinal 1: Winner Match A vs Winner Match B
- Quarterfinal 2: Winner Match C vs Winner Match D



- Quarterfinal 3: Winner Match E vs Winner Match F
- Quarterfinal 4: Winner Match G vs Winner Match H

The Semifinal matchups will be played as follows:

- Semifinal 1: Winner Quarterfinal 1 vs Winner Quarterfinal 2
- Semifinal 2: Winner Quarterfinal 3 vs Winner Quarterfinal 4

Women's Team Competition

Playoff Format

The playoff stage begins directly at the Quarterfinals.

Qualification to Playoffs (Quarterfinals)

The top two (2) teams from each group qualify, for a total of eight (8) teams.

Quarterfinal Matchups

- Quarterfinal A: 1st Group A vs 2nd Group B
- Quarterfinal B: 1st Group B vs 2nd Group A
- Quarterfinal C: 1st Group C vs 2nd Group D
- Quarterfinal D: 1st Group D vs 2nd Group C

Semifinal Matchups

- Semifinal 1: Winner Quarterfinal A vs Winner Quarterfinal C
- Semifinal 2: Winner Quarterfinal B vs Winner Quarterfinal D

Practice Round

Tuesday - June 2 - All day

Practice Permissions and Limitations

- Practice on the course is only permitted during designated practice day.
- Players may not practice on the course between rounds or during a round.

Penalties for Violations

- **During a Round:** If a player is found practicing on the course during a round, the penalty will be a **lost hole**.
- Practicing means doing a practice putt, approach, tee off when in a hole or between holes during the competition. Penalty must be applied by the rival team, in case no Marshall is present.
- Kicking the ball in anger will be a loss of the actual or next hole.
- **Between Rounds:** If a player is found practicing on the course between rounds, they will be disqualified from playing in the next game.

• Eligibility for Practice

- Practice rounds are open to players that didn't participate in the individual competition. Those that participated in the individual competition can walk the course with their team.
- Coaches and caddies are not permitted to practice on the course.

• Practice Schedule

- All Coaches and Captains will receive an email with detailed practice round information, including assigned time slots. The organizing team will distribute these schedules.
- Players may walk the course at any time between designated hours on Practice Days, provided they do not interfere with any active playing groups. Practice hours TBA.

• Pace of Play

- Players must maintain a steady pace and allow faster groups to play through if delays occur. Each group is responsible for keeping pace with the group ahead.
- Players are allowed to practice more than one shot per turn, provided they do not delay play or hold up groups behind them.
- Failure to adhere to pace of play requirements may result in disciplinary penalties.

Caddies, Captains Coach and Presidents

Maximum Allowed Per Country

- **Caddies:** A maximum of 10 caddies per country.
- **President:** One per country.
- **Coach:** Up to three coaches per country, with a maximum of one per category.
- **Captains:** Up to three captains per country, with a maximum of one per category.

Caddie

- **Eligibility:** Applies exclusively to caddies supporting players. Players are not required to wear bibs.
- **Registration:** Each country may register up to 1 caddie per match, who will be listed on the game sheets alongside one captain, one coach, and the country president (if present).
- **Bib Requirement:** Registered caddies must wear their bibs at all times on the course, indicating their country of representation.
- **Distribution:** Caddies collect their bibs at registration, with a maximum of 10 issued per country.
- **Control & Enforcement:** Caddies sign for their bibs at registration. Officials will conduct regular checks to ensure that only registered caddies wearing official bibs are on the course. If a caddie breaks a rule, the player is viewed as having broken the rule.
- **Rules Test:** Complete the rules test.



Coach, President, and Captain Roles and Bib Policy

• Roles:

- **President:** May communicate with the captain and coach, with players only in between holes or pathway.
- **Coaches:** Responsible for team oversight and ensuring adherence to tournament rules, assisting captains where necessary. May communicate with players, not interfering with pace of play and can not play caddie role (except if registered as caddie in game sheet before the game).
- **Captain:** Each country may have up to three captains, with a maximum of one per category. Captains oversee players in their assigned categories and ensures compliance with tournament guidelines. May communicate with players, not interfering with pace of play and can not play caddie role (except if registered as caddie in game sheet before the game). If the captain is playing, there can be a non-playing captain occupying that role.

• **Control & Enforcement:** Captains, the coach, and the president (if registered) must wear their official bibs at all times while on the course (except if they are playing). Officials will enforce bib compliance through regular checks, ensuring only registered personnel with bibs are in coaching zones.

Unauthorized Communication

Communication with unauthorized personnel or those not wearing bibs or listed on the game sheet in each match is prohibited.

- **Penalty:** May result in a lost hole penalty for the active player.

This policy establishes structured conduct for players, caddies, presidents, coaches, and captains, with regular checks and penalties to ensure smooth tournament operations. A distance of 10 meters from the players competing is required.

Roster Sheets, Game Sheets & Results Sheets

To ensure proper organization, transparency, and control of the Team Country Competitions, the following official documents will be required:

Roster Sheet

- Each country must submit its official Preliminary Roster Sheet by May 21.
- Changes to the Roster Sheet may be made up to June 2 (11:59 am) Mexico time, after the Individual World Cup.
- After this deadline, no further roster changes will be permitted.



Game Sheet

- It must be completed with the players & caddies by the Captain or Coach and signed, for each game.
- The Game Sheet must be given to the starter 15 minutes prior to the start of the match at the starting hole.
- No changes are permitted once the Game Sheet has been submitted.

Results Sheet

- It must be completed after a game has finished, with the results of each match.
- It must be filled out and signed, and turned in by the Captains and/or Coaches of both teams. This contains the official result of the game. Game sheet must match with scorecards and live scoring.

Official Scoring Platform & Live Information

• Scorecards

The “away team” (second in the schedule) will be issued 1 official scorecard. The “home team” (first in the schedule) will be in charge of the live scoring. Teams can arrange to switch roles.

• Live Scoring App

The official app for live scoring is **BlueGolf**. All scores will be entered into the BlueGolf app throughout the round. The team responsible for doing live scoring will be the team **not** issued the official scorecard.

Download FIGF Bluegolf APP (data/internet service needed to upload live results)

IOS (iPhone) - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fifg-footgolf/id6504822087>

Android - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bluegolf.android.fifg>

• Score Verification

Before submitting the official scorecard, the Committee will verify that all recorded scores align with those entered in the BlueGolf app. The **results sheet** will be completed in the scoring area by captain/coach of each team. In the event of any discrepancies, the scores on the **official scorecard** will take precedence.

Player Arrival & Scoring Procedures (Team Competitions)

- Teams must arrive at least 20 minutes prior to their scheduled tee time.
- All players listed on the official Game Sheet must be present and ready to play.
- Team Captains or Coaches are responsible for verifying compliance.



DRESS CODE

PRACTICE DAYS

- Any attire that adheres to the FIFG official dress code is permitted, (long socks must be used).

COMPETITION DAYS

- Uniform:
 - All players must wear their country's official uniform.
 - In team competitions, all players on a team must wear the same official kit.
 - Sponsors may vary in the back if approved by National Association.
 - Non-compliance with these uniform guidelines may result in disqualification.

Specific Guidelines:

- **Headwear**
 - All styles of golf hats are allowed. They should be official National Association hats.
- **Polos**
 - Collared, golf-style polo shirts are required.
 - Tee shirts or polo shirts with non-affiliated logos are not allowed, both on and off the course at official venues.
- **Footwear**
 - Only turf or indoor soccer shoes are permitted.
 - No cleats of any kind are allowed.
- **Gear & Apparel**
 - Rain jackets, wind jackets, sweaters, or other outerwear worn on the course must be part of the official kit for the FIFG Member country.
- **Sponsors**
 - Please see the Sponsor Guidelines.
- **Ball**
 - Size 5 soccer ball is required.
- **Ball Tee**
 - Only FIFG size-approved ball tees are allowed.
- **Ball Marker**
 - Golf ball markers, poker chips, or FIFG-approved size markers are permitted.
- **Other Equipment**
 - Bags, backpacks, air pumps and distance measuring devices are allowed.
- **Shorts**
 - Golf-style shorts are required.
 - Women may wear a skirt and short combination suitable for athletic activities.
 - Non-golf shorts, jeans, and shorts with non-affiliated logos are prohibited.

- **Socks**

- Knee-high socks are mandatory and must be pulled up to the knee.
- Mid-calf, ankle, or other sock types are not allowed during competition.

- **Hotel and Golf Club facilities Dress Code:**

- Please respect the dress code requirements.

- **Golf carts**

- Each Country can receive one cart per venue, they can only be used by a non-playing team member. (costs may apply). Carts must be on cart paths only, violation of this will result in removal of cart use during all of the tournament, without any refund.

CODE OF CONDUCT, ETIQUETTE & BEHAVIOR

To uphold the standards of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect, all participants—including players, team members, staff, and spectators—are expected to adhere to the following Code of Conduct throughout the tournament.

Alcohol

- The possession and use of alcohol on the course are strictly prohibited for players, team members, and staff.
- The use of alcohol is banned while playing or on the course outside of designated areas. Violations will result in disqualification.
- If a player consumes alcohol after a round and displays belligerent behavior while still at the event, they will be disqualified, forfeiting their points and position.

Tobacco / Vape Use

- The use of tobacco and vaping products is strictly prohibited during play and on the course for players and team members.
- **Penalty for Violation:** Any violation of this smoking prohibition will result in the disqualification of the player for the entirety of the competition, regardless of whether they are actively in play at the time of the offense.

Anti-Doping Policy

- Random anti-doping testing will be conducted by the International Testing Agency (ITA) during the championship.
- The number of tests is confidential, with results expected a few days after testing.
- These are the full FIFG Anti-doping Rules ([click here](#))

Etiquette / On-Course Behavior

Serious breaches of etiquette may lead to penalties or disqualification. Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Loud, abusive, or obscene language
- Public urination
- Physical abuse, threats, verbal abuse, slander, or libel directed at players, spectators, sponsors, volunteers, or staff
- Disrespect towards volunteers, officials, and competitors
- Throwing items or engaging in violent physical actions
- Littering, mistreatment, or vandalism of the course
- Cheating

Etiquette / Off-Course Behavior

- Off-course breaches of etiquette may result in penalties or disqualification, including:
 - Slanderous social media posts directed at FIFG, sponsors, or volunteers
 - Vandalism or mistreatment of hotels or host facilities after rounds

Cheating

- Players must abide by FIFG rules of fair play and integrity. They are responsible for ensuring fair play within their group, including:
 - Reporting honest scores for themselves and others
 - Confirming scores at the end of each hole; if there is disagreement, shots should be retracted before starting the next hole

Spirit of the Game and Serious Misconduct

- The Committee may disqualify players for serious misconduct if actions are contrary to the spirit of the game. Disqualification will be considered for significant and intentional acts, even without prior warnings or penalties.

Reporting Misconduct

- Any player observing misconduct should report it immediately to the Tournament Director. All reports will remain confidential as legally practicable.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Game Suspension

If the siren sounds once, players must finish the hole and leave the course (no starting of a new hole after the siren). If the siren sounds twice, players must mark the ball and leave the course immediately.

Due to weather conditions and time constraints games can be announced to be played to 9, 12 or 15 holes.

REPORTING A COMPLAINT OR DISPUTE

To ensure a fair and efficient resolution of complaints or disputes, please follow this structured process:

1. Submission of Complaint

- Complaints must be submitted in writing, either by hand at scorecard submission desk or via form at <https://forms.gle/pCh5FXriLyJNRm1i7>, immediately after they finish their round. Once submitted, please notify any officials immediately or your country president/representative by phone or in person to confirm delivery and expedite the review process.
- **Note:** Please be reasonable in utilizing this process and avoid misuse. If we determine that this regulation is being misused, a processing fee of €100 per complaint per instance level may be imposed. If the request is denied, the fee will be non-refundable.

2. Content Requirements

- For clarity and thorough documentation, each complaint should include:
 - Exact date and time of the incident.
 - Hole and location on the course where the incident occurred.
 - Names, WhatsApp numbers, and emails of any witnesses involved.
 - Description of the case in English, the official FIFG language.
 - Images and/or Videos of the incident or location are accepted

3. Notification and Hearing

- After receiving the complaint, we will notify the involved parties if a hearing is necessary to review the matter.

4. Resolution Levels

Complaints will be reviewed and addressed in the following order:

- **First Instance:** Rules Officials
- **Second Instance:** Tournament Director
- **Third and Final Instance:** Competition Committee

CONSOLATION MATCHES

Consolation matches will be held in order to determine the final overall position of each team in the competition.

The matchups for all consolation matches will be determined according to the overall Group Stage ranking established after completion of the Group Stage and based on the official tiebreak criteria of the competition.

Consolation matches will not have live scoring, results will be entered after the competition.

Men & Senior Men Categories

Positions 17–24

Teams that do not qualify for the Playoffs after the Group Stage will play consolation matches to determine positions 17 through 24.

These matches will be played over 18 holes.

The matchups will be determined according to the overall Group Stage ranking among the eliminated teams.

Positions 9–16

Teams eliminated in the Round of 16 will continue playing consolation matches to determine positions 9 through 16.

These matches will be played over 9 holes.

The matchups will be determined according to the overall Group Stage ranking established after the Group Stage.

Example:

If the teams ranked #1 and #2 in the overall Group Stage ranking are both eliminated in the Round of 16, they will face each other in the match for 9th and 10th place.

Positions 5–8

Teams eliminated in the Quarterfinals will continue playing consolation matches to determine positions 5 through 8.

These matches will be played over 9 holes.

The matchups will also be determined according to the overall Group Stage ranking among the eliminated teams after the Group Stage.

Women's Category

Positions 9–16

Teams eliminated after the Group Stage will play consolation matches to determine positions 9 through 16.

These matches will be played over 18 holes.

The two best-ranked third-place teams from the Group Stage standings will compete for 9th place.



The following two best-ranked teams will compete for 11th place.

The teams finishing fourth in their groups will compete for positions 13 and 15 according to their overall Group Stage ranking and results.

Positions 5–8

Teams eliminated in the Quarterfinals will continue playing consolation matches to determine positions 5 through 8.

The two highest-ranked Quarterfinal losers based on the Group Stage standings will compete for 5th place, while the remaining two teams will compete for 7th place.

These matches will be played over 9 holes.

Consolation matches will not have live scoring, results will be entered after the competition.

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