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For the first time, the FIFA Executive Community has voted for Rwanda to host the 2023 FIFA presidential election, the call for which was approved by the FIFA Council during its meeting on 30 March, 2022.

The announcement was made by the International football body on Thursday explaining that the elections will be held during the 73<sup>rd</sup> FIFA Congress in Kigali on 16 March 2023.

The decision was approved by the Bureau of the FIFA Council – composed of the FIFA President Gianni Infantino and the six confederation presidents.

Due to the disruptive effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on squads before and during tournaments, the Bureau has made some amendments to the regulations of the FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

The maximum number of players on the release list has been increased from 35 to 55.

The number of players to be included on the final list has been increased to at least 23 and a maximum of 26.

No more than 26 people (up to 15 substitutes and 11 team officials – one of these officials must be the team doctor) will be allowed to sit on the team bench.

The Bureau has confirmed that the FIFA U-20 World Cup will be played from 20 May to 11 June 2023 in Indonesia.