

## Press release

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# Morocco will participate in the FIFAe Nations Series 2022 for the first time in its history.

The Royal Moroccan Federation of Electronic Games (FMRJE) is honored to announce that Kingdom of Morocco will be among the countries that will participate in the FIFAe Nations Series.

Last September, the FRMJE was mandated by the Royal Moroccan Federation of Football as a privileged interlocutor with FIFA on topics related to eSports. After an integration process for the new countries which has lasted several months, the FRMJE has got by FIFAe the validation of Morocco participation to FIFAe Nations Series 2022.

The FIFAe Nations Series 2022 pits member associations in a 2-on-2 format on the PlayStation 5 console. National gatherings and tournaments organized by FRMJE will enable the National Coach Saad Bassy to identify the best players who will represent the kingdom of Morocco in this competition.

The Kingdom of Morocco as a new country in the competition will access the FIFAe Nations Online Qualifiers 2022 Main Stage which will take place from 19th to 22<sup>nd</sup> in May 2022.

# About the Competition

The FIFAe Nations Series™ kicks off at the national level, with FIFA member associations offering their communities the opportunity to compete and find the country's most competitive athletes. Once nominated, the national team plays friendly matches with other member associations in the same area to which it belongs.

All participating member associations for the 2021 season have been invited to participate in the FIFAe Nations Series™ via the FIFAe Nations Online Qualifier 2022™ Play-Ins, which runs over five months from December 2021 to April 2022. Participating nations from around the world are divided into different zones for the online tournament. The top teams will qualify directly for the FIFAe Nations playoffs, skipping the main phase of FIFAe Nations™ online qualifying.

Those who do not qualify directly for the Playoffs via the Play-Ins will have another chance in the main phase of the FIFAe Nations online qualifications, where they will be joined by the new member associations for the FIFAe Nations Series 2022™. During the main phase, nations compete in their respective zones in a 2v2 format in May 2022, playing for a chance to compete for the remaining spots in the 2022 FIFAe Nations Playoffs™.

The 2022 FIFAe Nations Playoffs™ will be played online or offline based on the final number of participating member associations, during which the 23 nations will join the host of the 2022 FIFAe Nations Cup™.

### About the Royal Moroccan Federation of Electronic Games

The Royal Moroccan Federation of Electronic Games is in the wake of the social, economic and sports development policy instilled by His Majesty King Mohammed VI. The FRMJE (Moroccan Royal Federation of Electronic Games) was created on December 18, 2020.

#### Its missions:

- To Develop a responsible and socially valued e-sport practice
- To Install national and international competitions
- To Set up training channels to raise the level of players and promote the establishment of the e-Sport industry
- To enhance the attractiveness of Morocco and its e-Sport ecosystem
- To support the digital transformation of Moroccan sport (BDD sport, school, etc.)

