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Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players – Categorisation of clubs and registration periods

Dear Sir or Madam,

Like every year, we once again refer to Annexe 4, and in particular art. 4 of the said Annexe of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (hereinafter: *the Regulations*), as well as to art. 6 par. 1 and 2 of the Regulations regarding compensating clubs for the training of young players, classifying clubs into categories and fixing registration periods in your association respectively.

In this respect, we also refer you to Annexe 3 of the Regulations, and in particular to its art. 5.1 par. 1 and 2, and would like to emphasise that with the implementation of the transfer matching system (TMS) which is now mandatory for all member associations of FIFA, the notification of the categorisation of clubs, as established by your association as well as the registration periods fixed by your association, is now conducted exclusively via the TMS.

1. Training compensation

With regard to **training compensation**, the Regulations stipulate that each association must classify its clubs into different categories based on the extent of each club's expenditure for training young players. The category specified must be reviewed every year. The enclosed table shows the categories into which the associations in each confederation are required to divide their clubs and the amount of compensation applicable to the various club categories in each confederation.

Please ensure that, once again, you classify your clubs into the categories shown in the table. If all of your clubs come under category IV, you will not need to classify any. FIFA will publish the compensation for training in the various categories and the club classifications of each association on the FIFA website.

Each association is kindly requested to insert the relevant data concerning the categorisation of its affiliated clubs into the TMS **by no later than 10 June 2011**. Please do not use any other form or means to notify your clubs' categorisation. In particular, do not reply in writing to this circular letter. We would like to point out that only the categorisation of clubs inserted into the TMS will be taken into consideration.

In this regard, please be informed that in the event that you do not complete the relevant categorisation of your affiliated clubs in the TMS by the above-mentioned deadline, further proceedings imposing appropriate measures against your association will be evaluated. We refer you in particular to the FIFA TMS administrative sanction procedure outlined in FIFA circular no. 1259 of 7 April 2011.

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2. Registration periods

Furthermore, each association is kindly requested to insert the two annual **registration periods** it has fixed in accordance with art. 6 par. 1 and 2 of the Regulations into the TMS **by no later than 10 June 2011**. Please do not use any other form or means to notify your association's registration periods. In particular, do not reply in writing to this circular letter.

According to art. 6 par. 2 in conjunction with art. 5.1 par. 1 of Annexe 3 of the Regulations, the two registration periods for the season shall be communicated to FIFA via the TMS at least 12 months before they come into force. As a result, within the above-mentioned time limit, your association is required to insert into the TMS all registration periods applicable at least until 31 December 2012.

In this respect, we wish to remind you that art. 6 par. 2 of the Regulations states that the first registration period begins after completion of the season and normally ends before the beginning of the new season. This period may not exceed **twelve weeks**. The second registration period normally occurs in the middle of the season and may not exceed **four weeks**. However, with regard to the second registration period, a period of one calendar month (therefore slightly more than four weeks) has been recognised in practice so far. FIFA does not permit these time limits to be prolonged for organisational or any other reasons.

When fixing your registration periods, particular attention should be given to their end date. Should it coincide with a holiday or non-business day in your country, you will not be able to extend the duration of the relevant registration period to the first subsequent business day if by means of the envisaged extension the entire duration of the registration period in question would exceed the maximum duration in the above-described sense.

In the event that you do not complete the notification of your association's registration periods in the TMS by the above-mentioned deadline, FIFA itself may set the dates for your association. Furthermore, proceedings imposing appropriate measures against your association will be evaluated. Once again, we refer you in particular to the FIFA circular no. 1259. Abiding by the registration periods is absolutely essential to implementing the Regulations, so no exceptions may be made to this rule.

We would like to emphasise that it is the sole responsibility of the TMS manager of each association to make sure that the pertinent registration periods are properly inserted into the system in accordance with the decisions of the association. Only the dates included in the TMS will be considered, irrespective of divergent communications made outside the TMS.

Furthermore, we would like to point out that the TMS manager of the association is responsible for the accuracy of the data inserted into the system. Under exceptional circumstances, the respective TMS manager may change the dates of a registration period, however only in the circumstances where the registration period in question has not yet started. No alteration will be possible once the registration period inserted into the TMS has commenced. It goes without saying that the system will only allow registration periods in accordance with art. 6 par. 2 of the Regulations.

In this respect, we would like to remind you that, pursuant to art. 9.1 par. 3 of Annexe 3 of the Regulations, associations are liable for the actions and information entered by their TMS managers.

Finally, on a side note, we would like to inform you that in case your association would like to fix separate registration periods for its pure amateur competitions, i.e. competitions in which only amateurs participate, on the basis of art. 6 par. 4 of the Regulations, it is invited to inform FIFA of the relevant dates by means of a respective correspondence, again by no later than **10 June 2011**. In fact, such possible registration periods cannot to be inserted in the TMS.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions in connection with any of the above.

We thank you for your valuable collaboration.

Yours faithfully,

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cc: FIFA Executive Committee
Players' Status Committee
Dispute Resolution Chamber
Confederations

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Training Costs and Categorisation of clubs for the year 2011

The training costs listed hereunder are established on a confederation basis for each category of clubs. In accordance with Annexe 4, art. 4 par. 2 of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, these training costs will be updated at the end of every calendar year.

Confederation	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
AFC		USD 40,000	USD 10,000	USD 2,000
CAF		USD 30,000	USD 10,000	USD 2,000
CONCACAF		USD 40,000	USD 10,000	USD 2,000
CONMEBOL	USD 50,000	USD 30,000	USD 10,000	USD 2,000
OFC		USD 30,000	USD 10,000	USD 2,000
UEFA	EURO 90,000	EURO 60,000	EURO 30,000	EURO 10,000

In continuation, you will find a table for each confederation, setting out the categories in which each association is asked to allocate its clubs. No allocation will be required if all your clubs fall under category 4.

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National Association	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
Afghanistan				X
Australia		X	X	X
Bahrain				X
Bangladesh				X
Bhutan				X
Brunei Darussalam				X
Cambodia				X
China PR			X	X
China Taipei				X
Guam				X
Hong Kong				X
India				X
Indonesia				X
Iran		X	X	X
Iraq			X	X
Japan		X	X	X
Jordan				X
Korea DPR				X
Korea Republic		X	X	X
Kuwait			X	X
Kyrgyzstan				X
Laos				X
Lebanon			X	X
Macao				X
Malaysia			X	X
Maldives				X
Mongolia				X
Myanmar				X
Nepal				X

National Association	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
Oman				X
Pakistan				X
Palestine				X
Philippines				X
Qatar			X	X
Saudia Arabia			X	X
Singapore			X	X
Sri Lanka				X
Syria				X
Tajikistan				X
Thailand				X
Turkmenistan				X
United Arab Emirates			X	X
Uzbekistan				X
Vietnam				X
Yemen				X

TABLE 2 - CAF

National Association	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
Algeria		X	X	X
Angola				X
Benin				X
Botswana				X
Burkina Faso				X
Burundi			X	X
Cameroon		X	X	X
Cape Verde Islands				X
Central African Republic				X
Chad				X
Congo				X
Congo DR				X
Côte d'Ivoire		X	X	X
Djibouti				X
Egypt		X	X	X
Equatorial Guinea				X
Eritrea				X
Ethiopia				X
Gabon				X
Gambia			X	X
Ghana		X	X	X
Guinea				X
Guinea-Bissau				X
Kenya				X
Lesotho				X
Liberia				X
Libya			X	X
Madagascar				X
Malawi				X

National Association	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
Mali			X	X
Mauritania				X
Mauritius				X
Morocco		X	X	X
Mozambique				X
Namibia				X
Niger				X
Nigeria		X	X	X
Rwanda			X	X
São Tomé e Príncipe				X
Senegal		X	X	X
Seychelles				X
Sierra Leone				X
Somalia				X
South Africa		X	X	X
Sudan			X	X
Swaziland				X
Tanzania				X
Togo			X	X
Tunisia		X	X	X
Uganda				X
Zambia				X
Zimbabwe				X

TABLE 3 - CONCACAF

National Association	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
Anguilla				X
Antigua and Barbuda				X
Aruba				X
Bahamas				X
Barbados				X
Belize				X
Bermuda				X
British Virgin Islands				X
Canada			X	X
Cayman Islands				X
Costa Rica		X	X	X
Cuba				X
Dominica				X
Dominican Republic				X
El Salvador			X	X
Grenada				X
Guatemala		X	X	X
Guyana				X
Haiti				X
Honduras			X	X
Jamaica			X	X
Mexico		X	X	X
Montserrat				X
Netherlands Antilles				X
Nicaragua				X
Panama				X
Puerto Rico				X
St. Kitts and Nevis				X
St. Lucia				X
St. Vincent / Grenadines				X
Surinam				X
Trinidad and Tobago			X	X
Turks and Caicos Islands				X
USA		X	X	X
US Virgin Islands				X

TABLE 4 - CONMEBOL

National Association	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
Argentina	X	X	X	X
Bolivia			X	X
Brazil	X	X	X	X
Chile		X	X	X
Colombia			X	X
Ecuador			X	X
Paraguay			X	X
Peru			X	X
Uruguay		X	X	X
Venezuela			X	X

TABLE 5 - OFC

National Association	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
American Samoa				X
Cook Islands				X
Fiji				X
New Caledonia				X
New Zealand			X	X
Papua New Guinea				X
Samoa				X
Solomon Islands				X
Tahiti				X
Tonga				X
Vanuatu				X

TABLE 6 - UEFA

National Association	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
Albania			X	X
Andorra				X
Armenia			X	X
Austria		X	X	X
Azerbaijan			X	X
Belarus			X	X
Belgium		X	X	X
Bosnia-Herzegovina			X	X
Bulgaria			X	X
Croatia			X	X
Cyprus			X	X
Czech Republic			X	X
Denmark		X	X	X
England	X	X	X	X
Estonia			X	X
Faroe Islands				X
Finland			X	X
France	X	X	X	X
Georgia			X	X
Germany	X	X	X	X
Greece		X	X	X
Hungary		X	X	X
Iceland			X	X
Republic of Ireland		X	X	X
Israel			X	X
Italy	X	X	X	X
Kazakhstan			X	X
Latvia			X	X
Liechtenstein				X

National Association	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
Lithuania			X	X
Luxembourg			X	X
FYR Macedonia			X	X
Malta			X	X
Moldova			X	X
Netherlands	X	X	X	X
Northern Ireland			X	X
Norway		X	X	X
Poland			X	X
Portugal		X	X	X
Romania			X	X
Russia		X	X	X
San Marino				X
Scotland		X	X	X
Serbia and Montenegro		X	X	X
Slovakia			X	X
Slovenia			X	X
Spain	X	X	X	X
Sweden		X	X	X
Switzerland		X	X	X
Turkey		X	X	X
Ukraine		X	X	X
Wales			X	X