

To the members of FIFA

Circular no. 1344

Zurich, 12 February 2013  
SG/mut

### **FIFA-INTERPOL Initiative**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Corruption and match-fixing in football remains the biggest threat to the integrity of the sport. The increasing evidence of match manipulations has signaled the global scale of the problem. Organised Crime Syndicates are attempting to infiltrate all levels of the world's game. No region in the world is immune to the risk - all countries could fall victim to corruption in football. Tackling corruption is a complex issue with no quick and easy solution. It requires a sustained and long-term program and a coordinated approach.

In May 2011, the "FIFA-INTERPOL Initiative" was established. The initiative recognizes the complexity of corruption on a global scale. The first crucial pillar of this initiative places the emphasis on prevention. The success of the "FIFA-INTERPOL Initiative" calls for each FIFA Member Association to become proactive in the fight against corruption and match manipulation. Our aim is to develop and implement a global training, education and prevention programme with a focus on illegal betting and match-fixing. The goals of the FIFA-INTERPOL programme are:

- to educate and train key actors on how to recognize, resist and report attempts to corrupt or manipulate matches; and
- to better prepare law enforcement on how to investigate and cooperate on sport corruption or match-fixing related cases

The "FIFA-INTERPOL Initiative" has made an impressive start thanks to the leadership and commitment demonstrated by INTERPOL and FIFA with the support and cooperation provided by the various stakeholders. A conference for the European region was held in Rome this January and it will be soon followed by a conference in Kuala Lumpur for the Asian region in February 2013. So far, national and regional workshops were held in Finland, Guatemala, South Africa, The Netherlands and the United States of America.

In order to coordinate further activities in relation to the fight against corruption, we invite all FIFA Member Associations to **provide INTERPOL with the completed "Training Needs Assessment Survey" attached via email by 28 February 2013 per email: [integrityinsports@interpol.int](mailto:integrityinsports@interpol.int)**

By asking all FIFA Member Associations to complete and return the INTERPOL "Training Needs

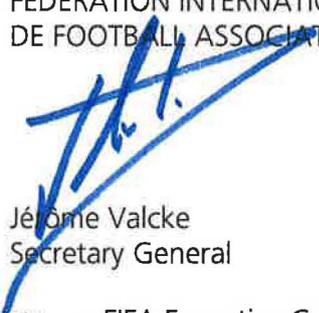
Assessment Survey", we are striving to consolidate the Member Association's needs and requirements to develop a tailored global training, education, and prevention Integrity in Sport's programme.

Football is a team sport: thus only with the participation of our 209 Member Associations and of the six Confederations can the beauty of the game be protected.

We thank you for your commitment to safeguard the integrity of football and contribution to the success of the FIFA-INTERPOL Initiative.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



Jérôme Valcke  
Secretary General

cc: - FIFA Executive Committee  
- Confederations

mut

