

To the members of FIFA

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FIFA referee identity cards – compliance with all FIFA regulations

Dear Sir or Madam,

FIFA continues to emphasise the importance of eliminating match manipulation in order to protect the integrity and reputation of football. The spirit of football is defined through determination, talent, respect, fair play, justice and honesty. This must be preserved at all costs, and international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees must therefore embrace and promote this spirit.

One of our key objectives is to ensure that every referee is committed to safeguarding the integrity of football. As a result, we have decided to promote this in a more prominent manner.

Instead of signing a paper copy of the FIFA Integrity Declaration, referees will now be required to sign their ID cards, which will signify their strict compliance with all FIFA regulations, including the Laws of the Game, the FIFA Code of Ethics and the FIFA Code of Conduct. The back of the ID card will contain a short statement of integrity, along with the relevant contact information needed to anonymously report any suspicious or illegal activities.

Additionally, the FIFA Integrity brochure, which raises awareness of match manipulation and contains all pertinent reporting information, will be distributed by the member associations to each referee along with the FIFA referee ID cards.

We appreciate your support and commitment in tackling the threat of match manipulation and corruption head-on. Everyone in the football community must work together and remain proactive in

order to preserve the identity and soul of the beautiful game we all love.

Thank you for passing this important information on to each of your international referees.

Yours faithfully,

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