

TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1510

Zurich, 11 November 2015
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FIFA U-20 and U-17 Women's World Cups in 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

With regard to the **FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Papua New Guinea 2016**, we would like to inform you about the following decisions taken by the FIFA Executive Committee at its meeting on 24 September 2015:

1. Tournament dates and match schedule

The tournament will take place from 13 November to 3 December 2016. Please refer to the attached match schedule for further details.

2. Competition regulations

The FIFA Executive Committee has approved the regulations for the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Papua New Guinea 2016. Please find a copy attached for your reference. These regulations are also available on FIFA.com.

We would like to draw your attention to some important changes that have been made to this edition of the competition regulations:

- a) Participating member associations shall ensure the inclusion of female staff in their official delegation list, including their officials on the substitutes' bench, as follows:
1. Requirement for at least one member of the team's medical staff, such as a doctor or physiotherapist, to be female;
 2. Requirement for at least one member of the team's coaching staff to be female;
 3. Ideally, at least half of the team officials should be female.

Any participating member association that does not comply with point 1. or 2. above as from the first matchday of its team until the end of the tournament will be fined in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

FIFA will check compliance with the above regulation upon the submission of the provisional list, whereby each member association shall provide the names of 35 players, and the names and positions of eight officials.

- b) Eligibility of players
1. Upper age limit: **20 years**: all players of the team must be a maximum of 20 years of age by the end of the calendar year in which the competition is played, i.e. they were born on or after 1 January 1996;
 2. Lower age limit: **min. 15 years**: all players of the team must be at least 16 years of age by the end of the calendar year in which the competition is played, i.e. they were born on or before 31 December 2000;
 3. There is no limitation on U-17 participation if a player was selected in the past for an U-20 tournament, provided that the player still fulfils the age limit requirement.
- c) The fair play criterion will be used after all other criteria have been exhausted to break a tie at the end of the group phase, **before resorting to a drawing of lots**. The fair play system will be calculated as follows:
1. First yellow card: minus 1 point
 2. Second yellow card/indirect red card: minus 3 points
 3. Direct red card: minus 4 points
 4. Yellow card and direct red card: minus 5 points

Please also take note of the following information about the **FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Jordan 2016**:

1. Tournament dates and match schedule

The tournament will take place from 30 September to 21 October 2016. Please refer to the attached match schedule for further details.

2. Competition regulations

We would like to draw your attention to some important changes that will be included in this edition of the competition regulations and have already been communicated in FIFA circular no. 1491:

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Yours faithfully,

FIFA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Kattner".

Markus Kattner
Acting Secretary General

Enc. as mentioned

cc: FIFA Executive Committee
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