

**To the national associations  
affiliated to FIFA**

**Circular no. 775**

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### **Revised FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players**

Dear General Secretary,

As set out in Circular no. 769, FIFA are currently arranging a series of information sessions for all national associations and affiliates relating to the revised regulations for the status and transfer of players. We hope that these information sessions will provide a useful opportunity for national associations to clarify any doubts that they have in relation to their understanding of the revised regulations. These regulations have already come into force and apply to all transfers concluded on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2001.

We are aware that there are many differences between the revised regulations and the old regulations and we know that national associations are working hard to ensure that they and their affiliates comply with the regulations. We are grateful for your understanding and co-operation in this matter and hope that we can work together to ensure that the implementation of the revised regulations takes place as smoothly as possible.

In addition to organising the above mentioned information sessions, FIFA have designed a document to be known as a 'Player Passport' that aims to simplify the implementation of the revised regulations. We set out the details of this document below.

#### **Player Passport**

This document is intended to provide a record of each player's career in chronological order to assist the national associations to keep accurate records of all players that are registered to play in their competitions. The document should be particularly of use when calculating and distributing any training compensation that may be payable to clubs that trained players from the age of 12 upward and any payments to be made under the solidarity mechanism.

The document is intended to provide a simple and easy-to-use record of a player's career. National associations should aim to maintain a 'Player Passport' for each player who is registered with it. If a player is transferred to a club that is affiliated to another association, the relevant 'Player Passport' should be attached to the International Registration Transfer Certificate and sent to the new national association, with a copy also being sent to the player.

It will then be the responsibility of the new national association to update the 'Player Passport' and to transfer it on to the next relevant national association if the player makes a subsequent international transfer.

We attach the blank, standard format of a 'Player Passport', which will appear on FIFA's Internet site in due course, and a fictitious example of a completed 'Player Passport' to demonstrate the way in which the document is supposed to be used. The document is extremely simple so that it is easy to use and we hope that it is self-explanatory. However, a few of the headings are worth a little more explanation, namely:

- 'Category of Club' – This refers to the relevant category into which the national association has classified the club in accordance with the revised regulations.
- 'Date of Registration' – This refers to the date upon which a player was registered by the national association to play for the relevant club.
- 'Additional Information' – National associations should use this column to include any information about a player which they feel will be useful when considering the requirements of the revised regulations

We trust that the above document will be of assistance to all national associations. We thank you in advance for your valuable co-operation and for informing your clubs and players of the above.

Yours faithfully,  
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