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Goal-line technology: recommendations for implementation in competitions / appointment of independent test institutes

Dear Sir or Madam,

For the very first time in the history of association football, FIFA used goal-line technology (GLT) during our prestigious club competition, the FIFA Club World Cup, which took place in Japan in December of last year. The use of this new technology was a success and we learned from the event in various ways, mainly with regard to the implementation process in a tournament/match, which requires careful consideration and planning.

We have therefore put together a comprehensive information document for all member associations of FIFA and their respective leagues. It contains feedback from our first GLT-supported tournament and should serve as a guide for all interested parties to implementing such systems.

Please find enclosed five copies of the brochure. Should you require any further copies for your respective leagues etc., please provide us with details of the contact person and delivery address so that we can send them accordingly. Alternatively, you can also download the document online at www.fifa.com/quality (goal-line technology section).

Please note that the document only mentions two FIFA-licensed GLT providers (GoalRef and Hawk-Eye). Since its publication, two more companies have been successfully tested and licensed and have therefore entered the market: GoalControl and Cairo.

In addition to this document, we have produced a video, which you can find inside the brochure. It can also be seen at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrhySY2RM.

Test institutes

The guidelines also outline the testing requirements for all GLT installations to be used for competition matches. As the FIFA Quality Programme for Goal-Line Technology Testing Manual was only launched in 2012, there is currently only one test institute qualified to carry out such tests: the Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology (EMPA). In order to address this issue, FIFA is currently offering training sessions for further test institutes. If you would like a
local test institute to test a GLT installation for your competitions, please contact us about the possibility of obtaining accreditation for this testing scheme.

We hope this information is helpful to you. Should you have any questions regarding GLT in general, please contact Johannes Holzmüller (johannes.holzmuller@fifa.org / +41 43 222 7994).

Yours faithfully,

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