TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1416

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Revised FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches

Dear Sir or Madam,

At its meeting on 20 and 21 March 2014, the FIFA Executive Committee adopted the revisions to the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches. Therefore, we are pleased to forward the attached revised regulations with appendices, which will come into force on 1 May 2014. These documents and the application forms to be completed are also available on FIFA.com.

These revisions have been introduced following consultations with the Confederations and Members and clarify the authorisation procedures for all international matches, which will help to increase the quantity and quality of information available to help us fight those that seek to manipulate the game.

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the key changes in the revised FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

**Tier system**

Tier 1 now contains all International “A” Matches and matches involving a Scratch Team. Tier 1 matches require the authorisation of FIFA. Therefore, from 1 May 2014, FIFA authorisation will be required for all International “A” Matches.

Tier 2 matches or competitions involving only one Confederation are now authorised in accordance with the procedure set down by that Confederation. The FIFA regulations now only set the authorisation procedure for tier 2 matches or competitions involving multiple Confederations.

As before, tier 3 includes all other International Matches and competitions. It is not compulsory to inform FIFA of the authorisation of tier 3 International Matches or competitions.

**Responsibility for requesting Confederation authorisation**

Members are now responsible for requesting the authorisation of the Confederation to which they are affiliated on behalf of one of their Representative Teams, affiliated clubs or Domestic Teams for all international matches.
Notification

Members do not have to notify FIFA of tier 2 or tier 3 International Matches or competitions. Members are only required to contact FIFA for the authorisation of tier 1 matches or competitions.

Domestic Team and Scratch Team definitions

The definition of a Scratch Team has been revised and the definition of a Domestic Team has been introduced. A Domestic Team involves players that are all registered to the same Member, even if they play for different clubs. A Scratch Team involves players registered to different Members. Matches involving a Scratch Team are included in tier 1. Matches involving a Domestic Team are included in Tier 2.

Application forms

The forms to be used for applications to host or participate in an International Match or competition are now included as an appendix to the regulations. These forms should only be completed by FIFA Members and can be downloaded from the relevant section of FIFA.com. Members may enter the required information into the application forms and then print the document in order to have it signed.


Reporting

Match reports for International “A” Matches must be submitted to FIFA within 48 hours of the match by the host member association. A report from the host association, a list of players for both teams and a report completed by the referee are all required.

Levies

Match levies for International “A” Matches will continue to be due to FIFA for matches in 2014. However, they will not be due for matches from 1 January 2015 onwards.

For any questions that you may have relating to the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches please contact the FIFA International Matches Approval (FIMA) team at fima@fifa.org.

Yours faithfully,

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DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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    - Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)