TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1422

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Database relating to the protection of the integrity of football

Dear Sir or Madam,

Football is under increasing threat from match manipulation, which is damaging the integrity and credibility of football at the various levels throughout the game. FIFA has taken a zero-tolerance approach to match manipulation and is committed to protecting the integrity of football by all possible means. One of FIFA’s objectives, as stipulated in the FIFA Statutes, is to prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardise the integrity of matches or competitions or give rise to the abuse of association football. In order to fulfil its statutory objectives, FIFA has adapted its internal structures, modified its policies and procedures, and developed a vast range of measures and initiatives in order to support the football community in its efforts to protect the integrity of the game.

In this context, we would like to inform you that a new database is being set up by FIFA, which may be used by FIFA and/or its subsidiaries for the processing (including but not limited to the collection, use, evaluation, storage, disclosure and transfer) of personal and other data related to natural and legal persons, in order to serve the purpose (directly or indirectly) of detecting, investigating and pursuing possible violations of the FIFA Disciplinary Code or any other FIFA regulations in relation to match manipulation or the integrity of matches and competitions. The employment of such database shall contribute towards protecting football from the growing threat of match manipulation.

FIFA is firmly committed to protecting the integrity of the world’s most popular game, and match manipulation is a complex and serious issue that must be addressed on a long-term basis at many levels and in cooperation with all stakeholders. In this important process, we trust in your support and appreciate your valuable cooperation.

We thank you for taking note of the above and remain at your disposal to answer any further queries you may have in this regard.

Yours faithfully,
FIFA

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Deputy Secretary General

cc:  - FIFA Executive Committee
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