

TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

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2015 FIFA Refereeing International Lists

Dear Sir or Madam,

As you know, the time has come again to nominate referees for the upcoming FIFA Refereeing International Lists. We, at the FIFA Refereeing Department, look forward to working together with you to ensure that this process is smooth and efficient for everyone involved.

We look forward to receiving your nominations for international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees via the link provided to you in the body of the email accompanying this circular.

The **deadline** to nominate international referees for the upcoming year is **26 October 2014**.

We have redesigned the online registration process to make it as quick and easy as possible:

- Streamlined administrative process
- Easy access to existing referee lists
- Secure internet access from anywhere in the world
- Simple uploading and cropping of photos for ID cards

We are confident that the member associations will be delighted with this modern and environmentally friendly process, so it should not be necessary to send printed paper documents to FIFA. Printed nomination forms can still be accepted by post, but only under very special circumstances.

We have attached the regulations governing the registration of international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees on FIFA's lists for your convenience. We would also like to bring the following points to your attention:

1. The proposed referees shall be at least 25 years old (23 years old in the case of assistant referees) and shall not have reached the age of 45 on 1 January of the year for which they have been nominated; candidates may not be older than 38 in the year in which they are nominated unless they have previously appeared on the list for which they are being proposed.

2. Newly nominated referees must be born no later than 1989 and assistant referees must be born no later than 1991 (two years younger) in order to ensure a minimum level of experience.
3. Each candidate must be ranked based on the marks obtained for officiating games at the national level during the 12 months prior to being nominated to the list of international referees. Please do not put the nominees in alphabetical order.
4. At a minimum, all nominated referees must pass a FIFA-approved fitness test and a medical examination on or after 26 May 2014.


The FIFA Referees Committee will carefully consider all nominations submitted by each member association before deciding who will be named on the upcoming international lists.

If you have any questions or need help with anything, please contact Michael Bössler at the FIFA Refereeing Department by email: refereeing@fifa.org or by telephone: +41 43 222 7654.

We appreciate your continued support for refereeing at all levels and look forward to working together with you in any way that we can.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



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Enc. - Regulations governing the registration of referees on FIFA international lists

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- FIFA Executive Committee
 - Members of the FIFA Referees Committee
 - Confederations
 - Refereeing Development Officers