To the members of FIFA

Circular no. 1507

Zurich, 21 October 2015
ASG/mav/jra

Amendment of article 36 of the FIFA Code of Ethics

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that as a part of the continual review process of the FIFA regulations and following an express request from the chairmen of the investigatory and adjudicatory chambers of the Ethics Committee, article 36 of the FIFA Code of Ethics (FCE) has been reviewed with the intention of guaranteeing greater opportunities for transparency and understanding of their respective proceedings. In this respect, we are pleased to inform you that at its meeting on 20 October 2015, the FIFA Executive Committee approved the new version of article 36 of the FCE, which deals with confidentiality of proceedings handled by the Ethics Committee. Please find enclosed the relevant text for your information.

This change came into force on 20 October 2015, the date of approval by the FIFA Executive Committee.

The revised text of article 36 of the FCE grants more opportunities for both chambers to confirm and provide information about ongoing and closed proceedings and also to rectify erroneous information or rumours. The new article will allow either chamber to inform the public about ongoing proceedings against accused parties upon request, and to justify decisions publicly, even if the decision has not yet become final and binding.

Notwithstanding the above, any release of information shall still respect the presumption of innocence of the parties involved and the personality rights of the person(s) concerned.

Thank you for your kind attention to the above.

Kind regards,

Markus Kattner
Acting Secretary General

Endl: as mentioned
Cc: - FIFA Executive Committee
    - Confederations
    - FIFA Ethics Committee
    - FIFA Appeal Committee
    - Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
Confidentiality

1. The members of the Ethics Committee and the members of the secretariats shall ensure that everything disclosed to them during the course of their duty remains confidential, in particular, deliberations and private personal data in compliance with the FIFA Data Protection Regulations.

2. Notwithstanding par. 1 above, the investigatory chamber or the adjudicatory chamber may, if deemed necessary and in an appropriate form, inform the public about or confirm ongoing or closed proceedings, and also rectify wrong information or rumours. Any release of such information shall respect the presumption of innocence and the personality rights of those concerned.

3. The investigatory chamber or the adjudicatory chamber may, in an appropriate form, inform the public about the reasons for any decision.

4. In the event of a breach of this article by a member of the Ethics Committee, the relevant member shall be suspended by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee until the next FIFA Congress.