TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

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FIFA Equipment Regulations

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to enclose a copy of the new FIFA Equipment Regulations for your attention. This new 2015 version of the FIFA Equipment Regulations replaces the 2010 FIFA Equipment Regulations in full and came into force on 1 October 2015. Thus, all upcoming FIFA competitions will be governed by the 2015 FIFA Equipment Regulations, and member associations are responsible for adhering to them when participating in FIFA competitions.

In general, very few changes have been made to the FIFA Equipment Regulations. Nevertheless, it is important to highlight that some modifications have indeed been approved by the FIFA Executive Committee and integrated into the regulations. Adaptations including, but not limited to, technological advances and key inputs from the sportswear industry have been included in the 2015 FIFA Equipment Regulations. FIFA would like to point out the following modifications in particular:

- Players and team officials are, in addition to the member associations themselves, directly responsible for compliance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations;
- Where striped or chequered shirts are used, they may not include more than two colours and neither colour may predominate;
- Colours used for names and numbers on playing equipment must be contrasting and legible for all players, officials, media and spectators;
- Numbers must be of one colour. The area of the "Number Zone" on shirts has been specifically defined;
- FIFA, the Match Commissioner and/or the match officials may ask a member association, in exceptional cases, to combine official equipment with reserve equipment for a particular match to ensure distinguishability between the two teams and the match officials;
- Tape or any other material applied to an equipment item must be of the same basic colour as the predominant colour of the equipment item;

- The foundation year of the member association is allowed in the “Collar Zone” of the shirt as a member association identification (e.g. 1904);

- Clarifications are provided with regard to the application of “winner’s stars” on the shirts of playing equipment;

- Recognition of continental championships by means of a continental champions badge is now permitted in FIFA preliminary competitions;

- Gloves worn by outfield players must be of the same colour group of the sleeve of the shirt;

- Match officials or the Match Commissioner may request players to apply tape of the same colour as the sock within the ankle area in cases in which distinguishability between players of opposing teams is jeopardised (i.e. in cases where high-topped football boots are used).

Thank you for your careful attention to the new FIFA Equipment Regulations.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: One copy of the FIFA Equipment Regulations

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    - World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry