

TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

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Amendments to the Rules Governing the Procedures of the Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you of a few amendments to the Rules Governing the Procedures of the Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber (hereinafter: *the Rules*), which were approved by the FIFA Council on the occasion of its meeting held in Zurich, Switzerland, on 13 October 2016.

All of the relevant changes and additions will come into force on **1 January 2017**.

You will find the provisions concerned enclosed to this circular letter, for your and your clubs' perusal. The relevant parts have been emphasised for ease of reference. Equally, the revised edition of the Rules will be available soon on FIFA.com. Finally, three hard copies of the pertinent documents will be sent to all member associations in due course.

As you will note from the enclosed provisions, the amendment to art. 9 par. 3 of the Rules aims to further clarify the wording of the relevant provision in line with the existing jurisprudence, according to which submissions presented by a party to a dispute after expiry of a set deadline are not taken into account.


Finally, the amendments to art. 14 par. 3 as well as to art. 16 paras 3, 4 and 7 of the Rules are of a purely formal nature. The amendments to art. 14 par. 3 aim to facilitate and expedite internal procedures ahead of notification of a decision, while the changes in art. 16 are made in order to guard against misunderstandings by deleting any references to payments.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions in this connection.

We thank you for your kind attention to the above.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl. as mentioned

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- FIFA Council
 - Players' Status Committee
 - Dispute Resolution Chamber
 - Sub-Committee of the Players' Status Committee
 - Confederations
 - ECA
 - FIFPro
 - EPFL

Amendment to art. 9 par. 3 of the Rules Governing the Procedures of the Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber

New text (amendments in **bold**)

Art. 9 Petitions and statements

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3. If there is no reason not to deal with a petition, it shall be sent to the opposing party or the person affected by the petition with a time limit for a statement or reply. If no statement or reply is received before the time limit expires, a decision shall be taken upon the basis of the documents already on file. **Submissions received outside the time limit shall not be taken into account.** There will only be a second exchange of correspondence in special cases.

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Amendment to art. 14 par. 3 of the Rules Governing the Procedures of the Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber

Art. 14 Decisions

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3. The FIFA **general secretariat** is entitled to announce the decision in the name of and on behalf of the Players' Status Committee and the DRC.

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