TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1372

Zurich, 30 July 2013
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Use of goal-line technology in matches organised by member associations of FIFA

Dear Sir or Madam,

Following the decision by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) to allow goal-line technology (GLT) in association football, which was communicated to you in circular 1315 on 3 August 2012 and accordingly included in the Laws of the Game 2013/2014, we would like to herewith inform you about the use of such technology in matches organised by FIFA member associations, such as 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™ qualifiers and friendlies.

As part of the ruling on GLT, the International Football Association Board decided that “(...) it should be for the competition organiser to decide on the use of GLT in its competitions. There was unanimous agreement that if the facility of GLT was available in a stadium, it should be used as there was no advantage to either team.”

Therefore, in addition to circular 1353 sent on 5 April 2013 and the document “GLT – recommendations for implementation in competitions based on experience from the FIFA Club World Cup Japan 2012” which you have received, we would now like to offer you further guidance with respect to the use of GLT.

2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™ qualifiers

In the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™ qualifiers, FIFA allows the use of GLT in stadiums licensed and certified under FIFA’s Quality Programme for GLT. While GLT will be used in all stadiums during the final tournament in Brazil, the majority of venues for qualifying matches may not be equipped with the technology. However, if a host member association has a certified GLT stadium and wishes to use the technology for a 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™ qualifying match, both competing teams must sign the enclosed consent form for the technology to be used. The following process must be respected:

1. The host of the qualifier must send the aforementioned consent form to the opposing team for approval to use GLT during the match in question; this is subject to a certified installation (valid on the day of the match), as mentioned on FIFA.com/quality.
2. The completed consent form shall be sent to FIFA for information.
Friendlies

Friendly matches are not part of any competition. Therefore, the host of the match in question decides whether GLT is to be used or not. Nevertheless, the visiting team must formally agree to the technology being used during this match by signing a consent form (similar to the aforementioned example). The technology must be licensed and certified under FIFA’s Quality Programme for GLT.

Referees

FIFA conducted training sessions on the use of GLT in preparation for the FIFA Club World Cup 2012 in Japan as well as for the FIFA Confederations Cup in Brazil earlier this year. It is important that the referees using GLT are briefed in the same manner and perform the imperative pre-match tests according to the relevant guidelines and as described in circular 1353 and its enclosures. Therefore, FIFA would be pleased to support any member associations planning to use GLT in order to ensure that all referees are using GLT in the best possible way for the good of the game across the world. We kindly ask any member associations wishing to leverage FIFA’s expertise to contact us at least eight weeks in advance of the match in question so that we can prepare high-quality courses.

Replays

The match organiser may decide to show replays (available through the licensed GLT provider) during friendlies or any other matches they stage that are not related to any FIFA tournaments.

We thank you for your attention and kindly ask you to contact Johannes Holzmüller (johannes.holzmueller@fifa.org) at any time should you have any questions or require any additional information related to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

FIFA

Jerôme Valcke
Secretary General

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cc. FIFA Executive Committee
Confederations
CONSENT FORM
regarding the use of goal-line technology in the
2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™ preliminary competition (qualifiers)

In connection with a match to be played in the framework of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™ preliminary competition between [Name of Hosting Association] and [Name of Visiting Association], taking place in [Name of City] on [Date] (the “Match”), the goal-line technology licensed by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (“FIFA”) under its Quality Programme will be used based on the Laws of the Game 2013/2014, as amended by FIFA circular no. 1315, as an aid to support the referee to determine whether a goal has been scored.

We hereby consent without reservation to the use of goal-line technology in the Match, and unconditionally and irrevocably waive any and all rights and interests we may have in connection with or as a result of the use of goal-line technology in the Match.

We further undertake not to bring any claims under any title whatsoever in connection with or as a result of the use of goal-line technology in the Match (i) against FIFA, its directors, officers, employees, agents and contractors, (ii) against the opposing association in the Match, including its officials, employees or members and auxiliaries of the representative team, and/or (iii) against any third parties directly or indirectly involved in the manufacture, use or supervision of the goal-line technology.

The undertakings and consents made herein shall be governed by the substantive laws of Switzerland. As stipulated in article 66 of the FIFA Statutes, any dispute arising in connection with the undertakings and consents made herein shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, and resolved definitively in accordance with the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration. The Panel shall consist of three arbitrators and the language of the arbitration shall be English.

[Name of Hosting Association]  
Signature:  
Name:  
Title:  
Date:  

[Name of Visiting Association]  
Signature:  
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