

TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1646

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Participation of clubs in the benefits of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

Dear Sir or Madam,

We refer to FIFA circulars no. 1600 dated 31 October 2017 and no. 1608 dated 7 December 2017 regarding the participation of clubs in the benefits of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.

After successfully staging the 2018 FIFA World Cup™, we are very pleased to provide you with the detailed procedure for the payments to be made to the clubs.

1 Calculation of payments

The total number of players selected for all representative teams that participated in the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ was 736 (i.e. 32 [representative teams] x 23 [players each]). On a cumulative basis, the players participated in the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ for a total of approximately 24,500 days (i.e. starting two weeks before the opening match, which took place on 14 June 2018, until the day following the last match of the relevant representative team).

The distribution amount (a gross amount of USD 209 million) is divided by the total number of days (24,500), which results in a rounded amount "per player per day" of USD 8,500 (subject to any taxes and deductions).

This rounded amount of USD 8,500 is multiplied by the number of days that each player was at the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, starting two weeks before the opening match until the day following the last match of his representative team ("Total per Player"). It is not relevant whether the player actually played or not in any given match. The Total per Player is divided by three and distributed to the club(s) with which the player was registered during the two years before the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ as follows:

- 1/3 is paid (if necessary on a pro rata basis) to the club(s) with which the player was registered during the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ (i.e. during the period starting two weeks before the opening match until the day following the last match of his representative team);
- 1/3 is paid (if necessary on a pro rata basis) to the club(s) with which the player was registered in the year before the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ (i.e. corresponding in principle to the 2017-18 football season);

- 1/3 is paid (if necessary on a pro rata basis) to the club(s) with which the player was registered between one and two years before the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ (i.e. corresponding in principle to the 2016-17 football season).

For the sake of good order, we underline that in the event of any doubt or ambiguity regarding the above calculation, delays in filings and any unusual, specific or special cases, FIFA shall decide on the payment and allocation on a case-by-case basis and its decision shall be final.

2 Procedure and timetable

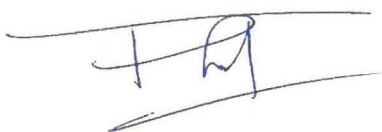
- After the conclusion of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ and based on the relevant representative teams, FIFA started to draw up a list of clubs that are entitled to participate in the benefits of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ (hereinafter the "Club List").
- The relevant member associations as well as the clubs and players shall assist FIFA in drawing up the Club List, if required.
- FIFA shall send the Club List to the member associations concerned, asking them to confirm that the information regarding the registration of the relevant players during the period in question is correct, or to correct the information as necessary.
- On receipt of the necessary confirmation/correction from the member associations, FIFA shall calculate the amounts to be distributed to the clubs.
- FIFA will distribute the amounts via the member associations to which the relevant clubs are affiliated.
- These amounts are due to the clubs. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the member associations nor the players who have been released shall have any right of title to these amounts, and the member associations shall pass them on to the clubs without any deductions other than those required by local law, such as taxes.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us (tel. +41 43 222 7030; email: clubbenefits2018@fifa.org).

We thank you for your valuable cooperation in this matter and kindly ask you to inform your relevant clubs about the content of this circular.

Yours faithfully,

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