

TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

via email

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2019 FIFA Refereeing International Lists

Dear Sir or Madam,

As you know, the time has come again to nominate referees for the upcoming FIFA Refereeing International Lists. The FIFA Refereeing Department looks forward to working together with you to ensure that this process is smooth and efficient for everyone involved.

We look forward to receiving your nominations for international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees via the link provided to you in the body of the email accompanying this circular.

The **deadline** to nominate international referees for the upcoming year is:

1 October 2018

The link for the online registration process is included in the email accompanying this letter.

We have attached the regulations governing the registration of international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees on FIFA's lists for your convenience. We would also like to bring the following points to your attention:

1. The proposed referees shall be at least 25 years old (23 years old in the case of assistant referees) on 1 January of the year for which they have been nominated. Referees must be born no later than **31.12.1993** and assistant referees must be born no later than **31.12.1995** in order to ensure a minimum level of experience. FIFA reserves the right to require referees over the age of 45 (born in **1974** or before) to undergo additional technical assessments as well as specific medical examinations and fitness testing on a case-by-case basis.
2. Each candidate must be ranked based on the marks obtained for officiating games at the national level during the 12 months prior to being nominated to the list of international referees. Please do not put the nominees in alphabetical order.
3. At a minimum, all nominated referees must pass a FIFA-approved **fitness test** and a **medical examination** on or after **2 June 2018**.

Please note that the futsal and beach soccer referee roles are now gender neutral. Both men and women can be nominated to these roles since separate roles for women no longer exist in these categories. The futsal and beach soccer fitness test included herewith applies equally to both men and women.

The FIFA Referees Committee will carefully consider all nominations submitted by each member association before deciding who will be named on the upcoming international lists.

If you have any questions or need help with anything, please contact Mike Bössler at the FIFA Refereeing Department by email: refereeing@fifa.org or by telephone: +41 43 222 7654.

We appreciate your continued support for refereeing at all levels and look forward to working together with you in any way that we can.

Yours faithfully,

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Enc. Regulations governing the registration of referees for the FIFA international lists
FIFA Fitness Test
2018 FIFA Refereeing International Lists

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