

## TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1655

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### Amendments to the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations

Dear Sir or Madam,

We wish to inform you that the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations have been amended, and that the revised version comes into force on 14 January 2019. You can download the regulations from FIFA.com via the following link:

<https://resources.fifa.com/image/upload/fifa-anti-doping-regulations.pdf?cloudid=ujtnvke2uqscz2pgs4ct>

In this regard, we would inform you that amendments have been made to art. 3 par. 5 of the regulations and that a new par. 4 was added to art. 80. Moreover, it is intended to increase reliance on WADA's International Standard for Testing and Investigations. As a result, Annexe D of the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations has been revised accordingly. Finally, after reviewing the doping control forms, Annexe E has also been updated.

In particular, we wish to bring to your attention that the FIFA Anti-Doping Unit will implement a new draw procedure to randomly select players for in-competition testing. The new draw process is considered to meet both WADA's strict requirements, according to which testing must be conducted with no advance notice, and the necessity to safeguard the integrity and transparency of the draw process. As a result, a "closed" draw will be conducted at half-time of each match in the presence of a representative from each team, who will be notified of the draw result by the Doping Control Officer as soon as the match ends and will assist in identifying the selected players and ensuring that they report immediately to the doping control room.

We would like to remind all member associations that they are obliged to adopt the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations within their own jurisdiction. Generally, each member association has the choice as to whether it incorporates the regulations directly or through references to them.

Finally, we would ask you to study the regulations carefully and to inform your affiliated clubs, players and all other persons concerned accordingly.

We remain at your disposal if you have any questions relating to the above.

Yours faithfully,

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