TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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FIFA Football Law Annual Review 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

FIFA is launching a new initiative to share its most important regulatory changes and decisions of the last year with representatives of national associations, leagues, clubs and players’ unions, as well as professionals in the legal field.

With the FIFA Football Law Annual Review, FIFA is opening its doors to present facts, figures and insights relating to the regulatory work, case law and main decisions of its decision-making authorities and independent bodies, in addition to the most significant CAS proceedings prompted by FIFA decisions.

The FIFA Football Law Annual Review 2018 will be held in Zurich on 15 February 2019. Please register online at https://survey.fifa.org/s/Eventattendance/ – admission is free of charge and the event will be conducted entirely in English.

To make this annual event accessible to all interested parties, it will also be streamed on FIFA.com. Moreover, full audio and video recordings will be made available on FIFA.com after the activity has concluded. You will find more information in the attached programme.

We thank you for your kind attention and hope to see you in Zurich in February.

Yours faithfully,

FIFA

Alasdair Bell
Deputy Secretary General Administration

cc: Confederations
    ECA
    FIFPro
    WLF

Encl. Programme
WHY A FIFA FOOTBALL LAW ANNUAL REVIEW?

One of the fundamental pillars of FIFA 2.0 is the transparency of the organisation, its governance and the decision-making process.

In recent years, the development of regulations and legal decisions in various fields of FIFA's activity have become very relevant issues for professionals in national associations, leagues, clubs and players' unions as well as for coaches. At times, this has filtered down into footballing society in general.

With this undeniable reality in mind, FIFA has set itself the objective of ensuring that football's legal stakeholders can get to know the most relevant aspects of the field first hand.

Therefore, FIFA is opening its doors to present, on an annual basis, the regulatory work, case law and the main decisions of its decision-making and independent bodies, as well as the main CAS procedures that derived from FIFA's decisions.

2018 was a year of important regulatory changes for the organisation and relevant decisions by the independent bodies. It is time to share and present this information to everyone!
09:00 – Welcome
Gianni Infantino, FIFA President

09:15 – Introduction. FIFA Legal 2.0: a must.
Dr. Emilio Garcia, FIFA Chief Legal Officer

09:45 – FIFA Rules and Regulations in 2018: main amendments
Oliver Jaberg, FIFA Director of Integrity & Institutional Legal

10:15 – Break

10:45 - Commercial Legal matters
Ian Smith, FIFA Director of Operational Legal
Daniel Zohny, FIFA Head of Intellectual Property

11:30 - Ethics proceedings
Carlos Schneider, FIFA Head of the Ethics for Secretariat of Investigatory Chamber & Disciplinary

12:00 – Lunch

13:45 – Reforms of the transfer system: where we stand
Giancarlo Dapoto, FIFA Head of Professional Football.

14:15 – Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players
Employment-related disputes (35’)
Erika Montemor Ferreira, FIFA Head of Players’ Status & Isabel Falconer, FIFA Senior Group Leader Players’ Status
Registration matters in the context of international moves of players (15’)
Gaudenz Koprio, FIFA Senior Group Leader Players’ Status
Solidarity Mechanism and Training Compensation disputes (15’)
Matthijs Withagen, FIFA Group Leader Players’ Status
Change of Association and Eligibility matters (10’)
Ludovic Deléchat, FIFA Senior Group Leader Players’ Status
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REGISTRATION

Any questions?

ATTENDANCE OPTION

Attendance at the FIFA Football Law Annual Review 2018 is free of charge and open to all representatives of national associations, leagues, clubs and players’ unions.

The number of attendees is limited to the total capacity of the Home of FIFA auditorium.

If the number of applicants does not exceed the number of places available, independent professionals will be admitted according to the order of registration.

In order to formalise the registration process, anyone interested in attending will need to complete the following online form: https://survey.fifa.org/s/Eventattendance/

STREAMING OPTION

In the interests of ensuring that the 211 FIFA member associations and the six confederations can follow this event, as well to ensure that all interested parties can access the information presented at this event, the FIFA Football Annual Review 2018 will be streamed free of charge on FIFA.com.

All audio and video presentations from the event will also be available on FIFA.com for a limited time after the event.

Contact us at: annual-review@fifa.org