



## TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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### **FIFA child safeguarding programme and toolkit for member associations – FIFA Guardians™**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you of the launch of the new FIFA child safeguarding programme and toolkit –FIFA Guardians™

The FIFA Guardians™ programme is part of FIFA's overall commitment to promoting and protecting human rights, in line with article 3 of the FIFA Statutes and aims to respond to requests for further guidance and support from FIFA member associations (MAs) and football stakeholders.

Developed by FIFA, together with our Child Safeguarding Expert Working Group, the FIFA Guardians™ toolkit, which is being launched today, provides practical guidelines and support materials to assist and advise FIFA's 211 MAs in reviewing and implementing proper child safeguarding measures, to help prevent any risk of harm to children in football, and to appropriately respond if concerns arise.

This new online toolkit is based on international standards and best practice solutions in child safeguarding across sports and builds on the great work and expertise of FIFA's stakeholders and partners in child safeguarding. FIFA recognises that some members have well-developed policies, procedures and training in place, whilst others are just starting on their safeguarding journey, and aims to address the ongoing safeguarding needs of its members.

FIFA Guardians™ further supports the implementation of article 8, paragraph 1 t) of the FIFA Forward 2.0 Regulations, which oblige MAs and confederations to "take measures to protect and safeguard children and minors from potential abuses and to promote their wellbeing within football" as part of their development funding investments.

This new programme will be supplemented by a series of dedicated FIFA Forward safeguarding workshops and training modules that will be delivered by FIFA, together with the six confederations, and with FIFA's local partners and experts in safeguarding.

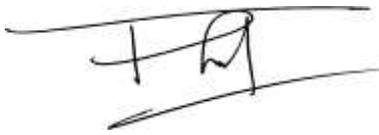
Your MA regional teams will be in contact with you soon to advise you on the safeguarding Forward workshops taking place in your region. In the meantime, please contact your respective MA Regional Director and/or your local FIFA Regional Development Office for further information and queries, who we will be pleased to assist you, as will Kathryn Leslie, FIFA's Senior Child Protection and Safeguarding Manager.

To learn more about the FIFA Guardians™ programme, to view the online FIFA Guardians™ toolkit, and to watch the live stream launch on FIFA.com, please follow this link [www.fifa.com/fifa-guardians](http://www.fifa.com/fifa-guardians).

We thank you for your kind cooperation and look forward to working together in the months and years ahead to ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for all children in football, by helping to raise awareness of the need to protect children in sports and communities around the world.

Yours faithfully,

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- FIFA committees  
- Confederations