TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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FIFA Football Law Annual Review 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

In line with FIFA’s initiative to share its most important regulatory changes and decisions every year with representatives of national associations, leagues, clubs and players’ unions, as well as professionals in the legal field, we are pleased to announce the FIFA Football Law Annual Review 2019.

It has been a year marked by many regulatory changes, by legal challenges and by key advances in the transfer-system reform process. On this note, we would like to share facts, figures and insights with all of you relating to the regulatory work, case law and main decisions of FIFA’s decision-making authorities and independent bodies, in addition to the most significant CAS proceedings prompted by FIFA decisions.

The FIFA Football Law Annual Review 2019 will be held in Buenos Aires on 16 March 2020, with the support of CONMEBOL and the Argentinian Football Association. Please register online at https://survey.fifa.org/s/FLAR2019/— admission is free of charge and the event will be conducted entirely in English.

To make the event accessible to all interested parties, it will also be streamed on legal.fifa.com. Moreover, full audio and video recordings will be made available on legal.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 Buenos Aires next year.

Yours faithfully,

FIFA

Alasdair Bell
Deputy Secretary General (Administration)

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     ECA
     FIFPro
     World Leagues Forum
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 has become a very relevant issue for professionals at national associations, leagues, clubs and players’ unions. At times, this has filtered down to football 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.

In February 2019, FIFA opened its doors to present the very-first FIFA Football Law Annual Review (2018 edition). The idea was to introduce, on an annual basis, the regulatory work, case law and main decisions of its decision-making and independent bodies, as well as the main CAS proceedings promoted by FIFA’s decisions...and this endeavor must continue.

2019 has been another year of important regulatory changes for FIFA and relevant decisions by the independent bodies have been rendered.

It is time to share this information and present it to everyone!
PROGRAMME

09:00  Welcome  
Alasdair Bell, FIFA Deputy Secretary General (Administration)

09:15  Introduction. FIFA Legal and Compliance Division 2019  
Dr Emilio Garcia, FIFA Chief Legal and Compliance Officer

09:45  FIFA rules and regulations 2019: main amendments  
James Kitching, FIFA Director of Football Regulatory

10:30  Break

11:00  Commercial legal matters 2019  
Ian Smith, FIFA Director of Operational Legal

11:30  Disciplinary and ethics proceedings 2019: main figures  
Carlos Schneider, FIFA Head of Disciplinary and Ethics (IC)

12:00  FIFA Eligibility Checks: policy, figures and cases  
Mario Gallavotti, FIFA Director of Independent Committees

12:30  Lunch

13:30  On the status and transfer of players  
The Players' Status Department: 2019 overview & 2020 plan (20’)  
Erika Montemor Ferreira, FIFA Head of Players’ Status

Contractual-related disputes (30’)  
Marisa Domínguez Rubio, FIFA Senior Group Leader

Solidarity mechanism and training compensation disputes (20’)  
Alex Klotz, FIFA Senior Legal Counsel

International transfer of minors (15’)  
Jenny Ninck, FIFA Counsel for Registration of Minors

The FIFA Clearing House (20’)  
Conrado Plano, FIFA Head of Clearing House
15:15  **Break**

15:45  **Time for criticism. A view from outside: what FIFA should do better**  
*Ariel Reck, Sports Lawyer*

16:15  **Football Global Transfer Report 2019: main figures**  
*Jacques Blondin, FIFA Head of TMS*

16:45  **Break**

17:15  **Reforms of the transfer system: an update**  
*Ornella Desirée Bellia, FIFA Head of Professional Football  
Luis Villas-Boas, FIFA Head of Intermediaries*

17:45  **CAS proceedings involving FIFA 2019: figures and leading cases**  
*Miguel Lietard, FIFA Director of Litigation*

18:30  **Conclusions**  
*Oliver Jaberg, FIFA Deputy Chief Legal and Compliance Officer  
Monserrat Jiménez, CONMEBOL Legal Director  
Andrés Patón, AFA Legal Director  
Maja Kuster Hoffmann, FIFA FLAR General Coordinator*
REGISTRATION

ATTENDANCE OPTION

Attendance at the FIFA Football Law Annual Review 2019 is free of charge and open to all representatives of national associations, confederations, leagues, clubs and players’ unions.

If the number of applicants does not exceed the number of places available, independent professionals have the opportunity to register on a first-come, first-served basis.

All presentations will be given in English, with simultaneous interpreting into Spanish and Portuguese for the participants on-site (streaming option only available in English).

In order to formalise the registration process, anyone interested in attending will need to complete the following online form:

https://survey.fifa.org/s/FLAR2019/

STREAMING OPTION

In the interest of ensuring that the 211 FIFA member associations can follow this event, as well as to ensure that all interested parties can access the information presented, the FIFA Football Law Annual Review 2019 will be streamed free of charge on FIFA.com.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Contact us at:
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