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Updates to the FIFA futsal international match calendar 2016-2020 and release of the FIFA futsal international match calendar 2021-24

Dear Sir or Madam,

FIFA is pleased to inform you that following an extensive consultation period with the confederations and numerous futsal stakeholders, the FIFA futsal international match calendar 2016-2020 has been updated for the 2020 calendar year and the FIFA futsal international match calendar 2021-2024 has been finalised. The dates for both calendars are as follows:

2020	Dates	Window type	Max. number of matches
	27 January – 9 February	Championship for "A" representative teams of all confederations	
	6-15 April	Type I	4
	12 September – 4 October	FIFA Futsal World Cup 2020™	
	1-4 November	Type II	2
	7-16 December	Type I	4
2021	Dates	Window type	Max. number of matches
	25 January – 3 February	Type I	4
	1-10 March	Type I	4
	5-14 April	Type I	4
	13-22 September	Type I	4
	11-20 October	Type I	4

	14-17 November	Type II	2
	13-22 December	Type I	4
2022	Dates	Window type	Max. number of matches
	19 January – 6 February	Championship for “A” representative teams of all confederations	
	4-13 April	Type I	4
	12-21 September	Type I	4
	3-12 October	Type I	4
	6-9 November	Type I	4
2023	Dates	Window type	Max. number of matches
	27 February – 8 March	Type I	4
	10-19 April	Type I	4
	11-20 September	Type I	4
	2-11 October	Type I	4
	11-20 December	Type I	4
2024	Dates	Window type	Max. number of matches
	29 January – 11 February	Championship for “A” representative teams of all confederations	
	8-17 April	Type I	4
	14 September – 6 October	FIFA Futsal World Cup 2024™	
	3-6 November	Type II	2
	9-18 December	Type I	4

* Text in red refers to the current 2016-2020 cycle.

This is the first time that a thorough review of the futsal international match calendar has been conducted since its inception. The revamped calendar involves replacing the majority of the type II windows with type I windows to provide confederations and member associations with additional flexibility in organising international futsal matches. The modifications to the existing calendar for 2020 are highlighted above in red as they pertain to the current 2016-2020 cycle. Please note that the 2020

windows have only been extended, and not reduced, in order to accommodate international futsal matches that are already scheduled for next year.

Please be informed that the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players continues to provide an adequate regulatory basis in support of the release of futsal players to association teams. In addition, the 2021-2024 calendar will maintain the existing principles, namely:

- Mandatory release of futsal players for all international windows listed in the FIFA futsal international match calendar as well as for the final competitions of the FIFA Futsal World Cup™ and of the championships for “A” representative teams of the confederations.
- Championships for “A” representative teams of the confederations in 2022 and 2024:

Players’ release: for the final competitions of the championships for “A” representative teams of the confederations, players must be released and start the journey to join their representative team in the morning twelve (12) days before the relevant final competition starts and must be released by the association on the morning of the day after their team’s last match in the tournament.

- FIFA Futsal World Cup 2024™ (14 September – 6 October 2024):

Players’ release: for the FIFA Futsal World Cup™, players must be released and start the journey to join their representative team in the morning fourteen (14) days before the relevant final competition starts and must be released by the association on the morning of the day after their team’s last match in the tournament.

- Two types of international windows:
 - o Type I: period of ten (10) days starting on a Monday morning and ending on the Wednesday night of the following week, during which a maximum of four (4) matches may be played by each representative team. Representative teams shall play a maximum of four (4) matches on the territory of no more than two (2) confederations.
 - o Type II: period of four (4) days starting on a Sunday morning and ending on the Wednesday night of the following week, when a maximum of two (2) matches may be played by each representative team. Representative teams shall play a maximum of two (2) matches on the territory of the same confederation.

Players’ release: players must be released and start their journey to join their representative team no later than the first morning of the window (i.e. Sunday for type II or Monday for type I), and must start the journey back to their club no later than the Thursday morning following the end of the international window.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact futsal@fifa.org for the attention of Kasra Haghighi, Futsal and Beach Soccer Manager. We remain at your disposal for any further clarification.

Yours faithfully,

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