

## TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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### **FIFA Guardians™ – child safeguarding programme and self-assessment survey for member associations**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Every minor (under the age of 18) who plays or participates in football, no matter at what level, has the right to do so in a safe and enjoyable environment. As previously communicated, in July 2019, FIFA launched its child safeguarding programme and toolkit for member associations –FIFA Guardians™.

The online toolkit provides practical guidance and support materials to assist FIFA's 211 member associations in reviewing existing safeguarding measures and address any shortcomings to help prevent any risk of harm to children in football and appropriately respond if concerns arise.

The 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 Guardians will be supplemented by a series of dedicated workshops and training modules that will be delivered by FIFA, together with the respective confederations, and with local partners and experts in safeguarding in sport. More information on the training and education opportunities will be communicated in due course.

FIFA recognises that some member associations have well-developed policies, procedures and training programmes in place to promote children's well-being in football, whilst others are just starting on their safeguarding journey. The FIFA Guardians programme aims to address the ongoing safeguarding needs of member associations. As part of the development and roll-out of the programme, and to help monitor progress over time, **member associations are now requested to complete the following safeguarding self-assessment survey by 28 February 2020:**  
<https://survey.fifa.com/s/FIFAGuardians1/>.

Once completed, a copy of your response will be automatically sent to FIFA.

For any queries, please feel free to contact your FIFA regional development office or Kathryn Leslie, FIFA's Senior Safeguarding and Child Protection Manager.

To learn more about the FIFA Guardians programme and to already start your association's safeguarding journey, please follow this link: [www.fifa.com/development/fifa-guardians/#web-07](http://www.fifa.com/development/fifa-guardians/#web-07).

Yours faithfully,

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