

## TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1721

Zurich, 29 June 2020

DSG/mbu

### Transfer of VAR-related matters from The IFAB to FIFA

Dear Sir or Madam,

Over the past four years, FIFA and The IFAB have worked closely together on the development and implementation of video assistant referees (VARs) in competitions worldwide, on technological matters and training and education for competition organisers and match officials. We are proud that the introduction of VARs has been a universal success, with the implementation of the VAR system now complete in over 100 competitions globally.

FIFA would like to acknowledge the interest and trust shown in the VAR system by member associations and competition organisers, and to note that this success would not have been possible without the detailed involvement of The IFAB.

Following the successful launch period where FIFA worked in conjunction with The IFAB, we would like to inform you that all VAR-related activities will now transfer to FIFA. Therefore, please address all your VAR-related questions, comments or suggestions directly to FIFA Refereeing as from **1 July 2020**. FIFA will continue to liaise with The IFAB on any protocol developments, related Law matters or approval requirements.

### Contact details for VAR-related queries

For all communications related to the implementation of VARs in your competitions, FIFA hereby directs you to the following experts:

Technical VAR/refereeing matters:	VAR-implementation matters:	Technology VAR-related matters:
<b>Mike van der Roest, Refereeing VAR Project Leader</b> ( <a href="mailto:mike.vanderroest@fifa.org">mike.vanderroest@fifa.org</a> )	<b>Dirk Schlemmer, Project Leader – VAR Implementation</b> ( <a href="mailto:dirk.schlemmer@fifa.org">dirk.schlemmer@fifa.org</a> )	<b>Sebastian Runge, Head of Football Technology</b> ( <a href="mailto:sebastian.runge@fifa.org">sebastian.runge@fifa.org</a> )

You can also address general queries on the VAR system to [var@fifa.org](mailto:var@fifa.org).

The transfer of activities and communication channels extends to those competition organisers that are already using VARs and which have, until now, had an ongoing dialogue with both FIFA and The IFAB. FIFA will contact you in the near future to continue this dialogue under the new structure and remains at your disposal should you have any questions on any aspect of the VAR system, or any other related matters.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



Mattias Grafström  
Deputy Secretary General (Football)

Cc:

- FIFA Council
- Confederations
- European Club Association
- The International Football Association Board
- World Football Club Association
- World Leagues Forum