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3RD EDITION

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TRANSPARENCY AND OPENNESS IN FOOTBALL LEGAL MATTERS

In 2019, FIFA organised the first-ever **FIFA Football Law Annual Review (FLAR)**. This was a major breakthrough in after a lengthy period of restricted access to the information and decisions of FIFA's judicial bodies and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Transparency and openness in relation to the operations, initiatives, decisions and challenges of football are of paramount importance to FIFA today. At the same time, the opinions, views and proposals of football stakeholders and lawyers working on current legal and procedural also make a key contribution to strengthening the game.

In 2020, the 2nd edition of the FLAR was planned to take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with more than 350 participants. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, it was delivered in online form, with more than 1,000 viewers watching detailed presentations of FIFA`s regulations and legal decisions and CAS football-related cases.

This **3rd edition of the FLAR** is establishing a firm tradition of holding **an annual global conference featuring the game's principal practitioners and football stakeholders** worldwide to discuss recent developments and future challenges.

In addition to the 2020 review, **the 3rd edition of the FLAR** will focus on the most important decisions rendered by FIFA`s judicial bodies and CAS, as well as the new regulations passed by FIFA.

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

PROGRAMME MONDAY, 22 MARCH

DAY 1: "REVIEW 2020"

14:00	**Welcome** Gianni Infantino, FIFA President
14:15	**FIFA Legal & Compliance Division: overview of 2020 and outlook for 2021** Emilio García Silvero, FIFA Chief Legal & Compliance Officer
14:45	**Players' Status Department: Activity review and leading cases** Erika Montemor Ferreira, FIFA Head of Players' Status
15:15	**Break**
15:30	**CAS proceedings against FIFA decisions in 2020: leading cases (I)** Miguel Liétard Fernández-Palacios, FIFA Director of Litigation
16:15	**CAS proceedings against FIFA decisions in 2020: leading cases (II)** Jaime Cambreleng, FIFA Head of Litigation
17:00	**Disciplinary and ethics proceedings in 2020: main figures and cases** Mario Gallavotti, FIFA Director Independent Committees Carlos Schneider Salvadores, FIFA Head of Ethics (IC) and Disciplinary Department
17:45	**Break**
18:00	**Outside football law: Sports law matters in 2020** Sean Cottrell, CEO LawInSport
18:30	**End of first day**

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PROGRAMME TUESDAY, 23 MARCH

DAY 2: "FOOTBALL REGULATIONS REFORM"

14:00 **The new FIFA eligibility rules to play for representative teams**
James Kitching, FIFA Director of Football Regulatory

14:30 **Minimum labour standards for female professional players**
Marco Amezcua, FIFA Senior Legal Counsel

15:00 **Break**

15:15 **Enforcement of FIFA decisions: experiences with Art. 15 FDC and Art. 24bis RSTP**
Molly Strachan, FIFA Legal Counsel

15:45 **Reform on the transfer system: the challenges ahead**
Ornella Desirée Bellia, FIFA Head of Professional Football

16:15 **New rules for Amateur International Transfers**
Jacques Blondin, FIFA Head of Regulatory Enforcement

16:45 **Break**

17:00 **The new rules for employment of coaches**
Americo Espallargas, FIFA Senior Legal Counsel

17:30 **Round table: what should FIFA do better?**
Moderator: Theodore Giannikos, FIFA Director of Legal Strategic Projects

- Nan Sato, Sports lawyer
- Jan Räker, CAS arbitrator
- Georgi Gradev, Sports law counsel
- Ariel Reck, Sports lawyer
- Patricia Moyersoen, AIAF President

18:45 **Conclusions**
Alasdair Bell, FIFA Deputy General Secretary (Administration)

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ATTEND ONLINE ON FIFA.COM

The 3rd edition of the FLAR will take place **only virtually**, due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the international restrictions in place.

Attendance of this online version of the FIFA Football Law Annual Review is open to anyone who is interested. It is recommended for executives and administrators of FIFA member associations, confederations, leagues, clubs, players' unions, and any lawyers who are or would like to be involved in football issues.

All presentations will be given in English, with simultaneous interpreting into Spanish and French.

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