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DIPLOMA IN FOOTBALL LAW

1st Edition (2020-2021)
In recent years, the development of regulations and legal decisions in football has become extraordinarily relevant to the work of professionals at national associations, leagues, clubs and players' unions.

With this undeniable reality in mind, FIFA has set itself the objective of ensuring that football's stakeholders can get to know the most relevant aspects of the legal field first-hand. As the world's leading football organization, FIFA's various goals and responsibilities include promoting education and sharing knowledge. Two great topics, Football and Law combined with some of the most renowned experts, leaders, arbitrators and sports lawyers result in the first edition of the FIFA Diploma in Football Law.

The FIFA Diploma in Football Law is a unique journey covering five continents, during which you will acquire the in-depth knowledge, skills and experience required to be able to perform at your best, upgrade your football law knowledge and pursue a long and prosperous career in the dynamic industry that is sports law.

The programme, has been specially created by FIFA in collaboration with the CIES - International Centre for Sports Studies. It offers a practical, personalized learning approach, backed up by theory, research and practical sessions. Participants will come away with well-rounded knowledge of football law, equipping them to meet the varies needs of today's professional football structure, whether within an organization or in private practice.

Gianni Infantino
FIFA President

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FIFA Secretary General
The FIFA Diploma in Football Law will take place in five different locations around the world over a period of 13 months. These locations have been specifically selected in order to reflect and cover the international dimension of this unique football law programme around the world.

In each venue, the participants will study an intensive five-day module covering key topics. They will not only learn about football law but also have the chance to explore iconic football headquarters and get to know lively, historic cities.

### Module I. Introduction to Football Law

**CONCACAF HQ. Miami, USA, 17-21 February 2020**

Various sessions, round tables and case studies related to the main rules and regulations of the international football governing bodies, good governance and leadership.

### Module II. FIFA Transfer Regulations (I)

**AFC HQ. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 25-29 May 2020**

Various sessions, round tables and case studies related to the FIFA Transfer Regulations, the dispute resolution system, player-club matters, such as the signing and-breaching of contracts, registration issues and national team matters.
Module III. FIFA Transfer Regulations (II)

CONMEBOL HQ. Luque, Paraguay, 21-25 September 2020
Various sessions, round tables and case studies related to club matters, such as the signing and breaching of contracts, transfer issues, solidarity and training compensation.

Module IV. Other Aspects of Football Law

CAF HQ. Cairo, Egypt, 30 November-4 December 2020
Various sessions, round tables and case studies related to disciplinary, doping and integrity matters, commercial rights, TV rights and sponsorship, among others.

Module V. CAS Proceedings

FIFA HQ. Zurich, Switzerland, 1-5 March 2021
Various sessions and case studies related to the activity of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), its ordinary, appeal and anti-doping procedures and the leading football-related decisions rendered by CAS in recent years. Oral exams and Graduation Ceremony.
The journey of the FIFA Diploma in Football Law

- **MODULE I**
  - 17-21 FEBRUARY 2020
  - INTRODUCTION TO FOOTBALL LAW
  - MIAMI - USA
  - CONCACAF HEADQUARTERS

- **MODULE II**
  - 25-29 MAY 2020
  - FIFA TRANSFER REGULATIONS I
  - KUALA LUMPUR - MALAYSIA
  - AFC HEADQUARTERS

- **MODULE III**
  - 21-25 SEPTEMBER 2020
  - FIFA TRANSFER REGULATIONS II
  - LUQUE - PARAGUAY
  - CONMEBOL HEADQUARTERS

- **MODULE IV**
  - 30 NOVEMBER-4 DECEMBER 2020
  - OTHER ASPECTS OF FOOTBALL LAW
  - CAIRO - EGYPT
  - CAF HEADQUARTERS

- **MODULE V**
  - 1-5 MARCH 2021
  - CAS PROCEEDINGS
  - ZURICH - SWITZERLAND
  - FIFA HEADQUARTERS
The FIFA Diploma in Football Law is taught by highly reputed football law specialists. The various modules will be delivered by FIFA staff, independent lawyers, CAS arbitrators, in-house general counsels and managers of football institutions.

The teaching faculty for the FIFA Diploma in Football Law includes, among others, the following specialists:

Gustavo Abreu. CAS Arbitrator
José Luis Andrade. ECA General Counsel
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Michele Bernasconi. CAS Arbitrator
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Participant profile

The FIFA Diploma in Football Law is designed for sports executives who want to upgrade their knowledge of football law to further their career, while getting a comprehensive, in-depth overview of the latest football law rules and trends from experts who are active at all levels of the football industry.

A potential participant in this programme may work in the legal department of a FIFA member association, holds a legal position in a players’ union, club or league, or works as a sports lawyer in the football field.

Application process

The admission process is open from 1 May until 15 September 2019.

In order to obtain the application form, which must be submitted with your CV and a letter of recommendation from employer, please visit www.fifa.com/football-law or www.cies.ch/en/education/football-law.

The Academic Board will select up to 24 participants by 30 September 2019. All applicants will be informed accordingly.

Tuition fees

The programme fee of USD 10,000 is due by the programme start day. It covers the material for the five modules as well as lunches and coffees. More information will be provided to the participants directly.

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