

TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

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Approval of Electronic Performance and Tracking System (EPTS) devices

Dear Sir or Madam,

Technology is advancing at a great pace in all aspects of our daily life, and of course, our beautiful game is not an exception. One example of this is the use of electronic devices aimed at monitoring, tracking and storing data about the performance of players on the field of play.

Requests have been made to The IFAB to permit players to wear such devices during matches. Although the permission to wear EPTS devices was given in principle by The IFAB, the final decision as to whether or not EPTS devices may be used lies with the respective association, league or competition (according to The IFAB Circular No. 1, sent to the member associations in May this year).

FIFA has put in place a process to control the use of these tools for its own final competitions. For instance, for the FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015 and the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015™, the teams were requested to send these electronic performance and tracking system devices to be inspected by FIFA.

In general terms, the approval of such tools are subject to the following principles:

- All devices will be inspected (including those devices already inspected) at the Team Arrival Meeting by the FIFA referee instructor or another occasion as considered appropriate by FIFA. If there are any concerns, the devices will be presented to the FIFA Medical Officer for further inspection and a joint final decision with either the match commissioner or general coordinator.
- The data to be collected by an approved electronic performance or tracking system device, or any interpretation of it, may only be used by the respective participating team and/or the individual player for performance monitoring purposes (including physical, technical and tactical data) and by no means for any commercial purpose and/or in association with any third party.
- In order to protect the integrity of, and FIFA's rights in, the competition, FIFA may impose further restrictions on the use of the data collected by an approved electronic performance or tracking system device.

- According to art. 25 of the FIFA Equipment Regulations, the device shall not display the branding of its manufacturer or any third party with the exception of one tonal identification of its manufacturer which is not visible whilst such device is used.
- No technical devices will be allowed in the technical area, nor may any data/information collected through such devices be transmitted to the technical area during the match.

Furthermore, according to Law 4 of the Laws of the Game, such devices shall not cause any danger to the player himself/herself or any opposing player.


Participating member associations shall ensure that all team delegation members fully comply with the above requirements. The responsibility for failing to do so will be borne by the member association.

FIFA would like to emphasise that any device worn is at the risk and responsibility of the player and/or member association concerned.

Thank you for your cooperation with the above.

Yours faithfully,

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