

To the members of FIFA

Circular no. 1578

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Rest periods for the players on the provisional list for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

Dear Sir or Madam,

The FIFA Council decided in its meeting of 10 January 2017 in Zurich on the following timeline and dates for the rest period for the players on the provisional list for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™:

20 May 2018	Final matchday at club level for the players preselected for the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™
21-27 May 2018	Rest period for all players on release lists
28 May - 13 June 2018	Preparation phase for the member associations participating in the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™
14 June 2018	Opening match of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

Exemption: Players of the two teams involved in the UEFA Champions League Final on 26 May 2018 will be granted permission to play, by way of exception, by the FIFA Council. Special exemptions may only be granted by the FIFA Council.

The above is in accordance with article 45 of the Regulations for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.

We appreciate your cooperation and support for our efforts to protect players by ensuring that they have sufficient time for rest and preparation prior to the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.

Yours faithfully,

FIFA



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Secretary General

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