

To the member associations of FIFA

Circular no. 1585

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Bidding for the following FIFA World Cups:

- FIFA U-17 World Cup 2019**
- FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019**

Dear Sir or Madam,

FIFA is pleased to open the bidding for the above-listed FIFA World Cups. We invite all member associations to join the bidding process by completing and submitting the enclosed Declaration of Interest form.

1. Instructions

For the avoidance of doubt:

- Member associations may declare their interest in hosting one or both FIFA World Cups available. That means that a member association can declare interest in hosting:
 - the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2019; or
 - the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019; or
 - both the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2019 and the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019.
- A different host will be appointed for each FIFA World Cup. That means that even if a member association bids for both FIFA World Cups, it can only be appointed to host one FIFA World Cup (i.e. either the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2019 or the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019, but not both).

2. FIFA World Cups

A brief synopsis of each competition is set out below.

FIFA U-17 World Cup 2019

The FIFA U-17 World Cup is held every two years and the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2019 will be the 18th edition of the competition. Twenty-four (24) teams will participate in the final competition. The duration of the competition is expected to be approximately 22 to 23 days and the competition is expected to take place during a period of favourable weather conditions in the host country.

FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019

The FIFA U-20 World Cup is held every two years and the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019 will be the 22nd edition of the competition. Twenty-four (24) teams will participate in the final competition. The duration of the competition is expected to be approximately 22 to 23 days and the competition is expected to take place during a period of favourable weather conditions in the host country.

3. Declaration of Interest form

In order to express interest in hosting these competitions, please complete and sign the enclosed Declaration of Interest form and submit it to FIFA by **17:00 CET (Central European Time) on 7 July 2017** at the latest.

The completed Declaration of Interest form may be submitted to FIFA **by e-mail**, marked for the attention of the FIFA Bidding Team, to the following address: **bidding@fifa.org**.

4. Timeline for the bidding process

The table below sets out the timeline for the bidding process¹:

Date	Event
7 July 2017	Deadline for the member associations to declare their interest in hosting one or both of the above-listed FIFA World Cups by submitting the completed and duly executed Declaration of Interest form.
14 July 2017	FIFA to send out the bidding and hosting documents to those member associations that have declared an interest.
18 August 2017	Deadline for the member associations to re-confirm their interest in bidding by submitting the signed Terms and Conditions of the Bidding Process.
1 November 2017	Deadline for the member associations to submit the definitive bid, including all signed bidding and hosting documents (Hosting Agreement, Host City Agreements, Government Guarantees, etc.).
Q4 2017/ Q1 2018	Expected appointment date of the hosts by the FIFA Council.

5. Subsequent steps

Those member associations who express an interest in bidding to host the competitions will then receive from FIFA the Terms and Conditions of the Bidding Process, together with the bidding and hosting documents. These documents will further explain what is required from member associations when submitting a bid, as well as outline the requirements for staging the competitions.


¹ The timeline is subject to change as determined by FIFA.

Please note that all documents provided by FIFA to the member associations in relation to the bidding process will be in English. FIFA will not provide translations in any other language and will not accept the submission of any such documents in any other language.

Should you have any further questions or need assistance in completing the form, please do not hesitate to contact the FIFA Bidding Team at bidding@fifa.org, who will be pleased to assist you.

Yours faithfully,

FIFA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Z. Boban', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Zvonimir Boban
Deputy Secretary General (Football)

Encl. Declaration of Interest form

cc. FIFA Council
Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions

Declaration of Interest

By signing below and returning to FIFA this Declaration of Interest form, we hereby confirm that

(insert name of member association)

declares its interest in hosting the:

- FIFA U-17 World Cup 2019**
- FIFA U-20 World Cup 2019**

(Please tick one or both boxes, as appropriate)

Duly authorised, for and on behalf of:

(insert name of member association)

General Secretary

Surname: _____ (block capitals)

First name: _____ (block capitals)

Title: _____ (block capitals)

Place and date: _____ (block capitals)

Signature: _____

President

Surname: _____ (block capitals)

First name: _____ (block capitals)

Title: _____ (block capitals)

Place and date: _____ (block capitals)

Signature: _____