

To the members of FIFA

via email

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2018 FIFA Refereeing International Lists

Dear Madam or Sir,

As you know, the time has come again to nominate referees for the upcoming FIFA Refereeing International Lists. The FIFA Refereeing Department, looks forward to working together with you to ensure that this process is smooth and efficient for everyone involved.

We look forward to receiving your nominations for international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees via the link provided to you in the body of the email accompanying this circular.

The **deadline** to nominate international referees for the upcoming year is:

1 October 2017

The online registration process is quick and easy:

- Streamlined administrative process
- Easy access to existing referee lists
- Secure internet access from anywhere in the world
- Simple uploading and cropping of photos for ID cards

We are confident that the member associations will be delighted with this modern and environmentally friendly process, so it should not be necessary to send printed paper documents to FIFA. Printed nomination forms can still be accepted by post, but only under very special circumstances.

We have attached the regulations governing the registration of international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees on FIFA's lists for your convenience. We would also like to bring the following points to your attention:

1. The proposed referees shall be at least 25 years old (23 years old in the case of assistant referees) on 1 January of the year for which they have been nominated. Referees must be born no later than **12.31.1992** and assistant referees must be born no later than **12.31.1994** in order to ensure a minimum level of experience. FIFA reserves the right to require referees over the age of 45 (born in **1973** or before) to undergo additional technical assessments as well as specific medical examinations and fitness testing on a case-by-case basis.
2. Each candidate must be ranked based on the marks obtained for officiating games at the national level during the 12 months prior to being nominated to the list of international referees. Please do not put the nominees in alphabetical order.
3. At a minimum, all nominated referees must pass a FIFA-approved **fitness test** and a **medical examination** on or after **2 June 2017**.

The FIFA Referees Committee will carefully consider all nominations submitted by each member association before deciding who will be named on the upcoming international lists.

If you have any questions or need help with anything, please contact Mike Bössler at the FIFA Refereeing Department by email: refereeing@fifa.org or by telephone: +41 43 222 7654.

We appreciate your continued support for refereeing at all levels and look forward to working together with you in any way that we can.

Yours sincerely,

FIFA



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FIFA Fitness Test
2017 FIFA Refereeing International Lists

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FIFA Referees Committee
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