

TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1327

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SG/oon**Amended Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and reviewed Rules Governing the Procedures of the Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that on the occasion of its recent meeting held in Zurich, Switzerland, on 27 September 2012, the FIFA Executive Committee has approved a series of amendments to the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (hereinafter: *the Regulations*) as well as one marginal adaptation to the Rules Governing the Procedures of the Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber (hereinafter: *the Procedural Rules*). We are pleased to herewith inform you of the pertinent changes.

A) The Regulations

Please find enclosed a copy of the amended Regulations for your information and records. The new edition of the Regulations is also available on FIFA's website (www.FIFA.com), from where it can, of course, be downloaded. Three copies of the Regulations in their usual booklet form will be distributed in due course.

All amendments to the Regulations will come into force on 1 December 2012.

a) Art. 1 par. 4 of the Regulations

A small, purely technical amendment to this provision was made.

b) Art. 12 of the Regulations

A substantial amendment was made to this provision in order to put an end to the existing lack of clarity and thereby enhance legal security. At the same time it should allow for better control by the FIFA Disciplinary Committee over very long disciplinary sanctions imposed at national level.

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c) Art. 17 par. 4 of the Regulations

Further clarification was added in order to bring the wording of the relevant provision in line with the long-standing and well-established jurisprudence of the Dispute Resolution Chamber (DRC). Equally, the amended provision should now close any possible loopholes with respect to the implementation of sporting sanctions.

d) Annexe 1, art. 1 par. 1 of the Regulations

A technical adaptation was made in view of the new Regulations Governing International Matches that came into force on 1 August 2011.

e) Annexe 1, art. 1 par. 4 e) of the Regulations

With the aim to prevent frequent misunderstandings a purely linguistic adaptation was made to this provision.

f) Annexe 1, art. 2 new par. 4 of the Regulations

This amendment serves as the required regulatory basis for the proper implementation of the Clubs Protection Programme (CPP).

g) Annexe 1, art. 3 par. 2 of the Regulations

The text of the provision has been brought in line with the long-standing practice and understanding.

*h) Annexe 2 of the Regulations: Procedure governing applications for first registration and international transfer of minors
Annexe 3 of the Regulations: Transfer Matching System*

A notable amendment to Annexe 3 of the Regulations is the change to the number of days an association must wait before registering a player on a provisional basis after having received no response to the relevant request for the International Transfer Certificate (ITC). In this respect the new association can register a player on a provisional basis if it has not received a response to the ITC request within 15 days of the ITC request being made.

Further technical and formal amendments, which do not concern the substance of the relevant articles, have also been made to both Annexe 2 and Annexe 3 of the Regulations on the basis of the experience gained since the Transfer Matching System (TMS) was introduced. The amendments at stake aim at enhancing the clarity of the various provisions as well as at bringing the text of said annexes of the Regulations closer to actual practice.

*l) Annexe 4, art. 3 par. 3 of the Regulations
Annexe 5, art. 2 par. 3 of the Regulations*

The new wording aims at bringing the text in line with the established jurisprudence of the DRC, at creating a clear legal framework and at making the application of the provisions simpler and more straightforward, while preserving and respecting the spirit of training compensation and the solidarity mechanism as reward for clubs investing in training and education of young players.

B) The Procedural Rules

Please find enclosed a copy of the reviewed Procedural Rules for your information and records. The new edition of the Procedural Rules is also available on FIFA's website (www.FIFA.com), from where it can, of course, be downloaded. Three copies of the Procedural Rules in their usual booklet form will be distributed in due course.

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Art 15 par. 1 of the Procedural Rules


The amendment will contribute to enhanced legal security with respect to decisions notified to the parties without grounds and the applicable deadlines.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions in this connection.

We thank you for your kind attention to the above.

Yours faithfully,

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION


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Encl. as mentioned

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- Confederations
- Players' Status Committee
Sub-Committee of the Players' Status Committee
- Dispute Resolution Chamber
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