

**TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA**

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**FIFA futsal international match calendar 2016-2020**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the first-ever FIFA futsal international match calendar, covering 2016 to 2020, was approved at FIFA Executive Committee meeting no. 33 held in Marrakech on 18 and 19 December 2014.

A review of the agreed release dates will be made in 2017 to make sure that the interests of all parties are taken into account.

The new calendar is based on the following principles:

- Mandatory release of futsal players for all international windows listed in the FIFA futsal international match calendar as well as for the final competitions of the FIFA Futsal World Cup and of the championships for "A" representative teams of the confederations.
- Championships for "A" representative teams of the confederations:
  - o In 2016, 2018 and 2020, as agreed with the confederations, FIFA will include periods reserved for championships for "A" representative teams of the confederations.
  - o 2016:
    - 2-14 February: window for the final competition for "A" representative teams of CAF, CONMEBOL, the OFC and UEFA
    - 9-21 February: window for the final competition for "A" representative teams of the AFC
    - 3-15 May: window for the final competition for "A" representative teams of CONCACAF
  - o 2018:
    - 30 January – 11 February: window for the final competition for "A" representative teams of all confederations except the AFC
    - 6-18 February: window for the final competition for "A" representative teams of the AFC
  - o 2020:
    - 28 January – 9 February: window for the final competition for "A" representative teams of all confederations

Players' release: For the final competitions of the championships for "A" representative teams of the confederations, players must be released and start the journey to join their representative team in the morning twelve (12) days before the relevant final competition starts and must be released by the association on the morning of the day after their team's last match in the tournament.

- FIFA Futsal World Cup:
  - o 2016: 10 September – 2 October
  - o 2020: 12 September – 4 October

Players' release: For the FIFA Futsal World Cup, players must be released and start the journey to join their representative team in the morning fourteen (14) days before the relevant final competition starts and must be released by the association on the morning of the day after their team's last match in the tournament.

- In addition to the final competitions of the championships of the confederations and of the FIFA Futsal World Cup, the calendar will include two types of international windows:
  - o Type I: period of ten days starting on a Monday morning and ending on the Wednesday night of the following week, during which a maximum of four matches may be played by each representative team. Representative teams shall play a maximum of four matches on the territory of no more than two confederations.
  - o Type II: period of four days starting on a Sunday morning and ending on the Wednesday night of the following week, when a maximum of two matches may be played by each representative team. Representative teams shall play a maximum of two matches on the territory of the same confederation.

Players' release: Players must be released and start their journey to join their representative team no later than the first morning of the window (i.e. Sunday or Monday), and must start the journey back to their club no later than the Thursday morning following the end of the international window.

Please be informed that the FIFA Players' Status Committee will review and amend the relevant provisions contained in Annexe 1 of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players so as for the Annexe to include a new art. 1ter dedicated to futsal and forming the legal basis of the newly created FIFA futsal international match calendar.

Attached you will find the complete calendar for the years 2016 to 2020.

Yours faithfully,

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cc: - FIFA Executive Committee  
- Confederations  
- FIFA Futsal Committee

Annex mentioned.

## FIFA futsal international match calendar

2016	Dates	Window type	Max. number of matches
	2-14 February	Championship for "A" representative teams of CAF, CONMEBOL, OFC and UEFA	
	9-21 February	Championship for "A" representative teams of AFC	
	20-23 March	Type II	2
	10-13 April	Type II	2
	3-15 May	Championship for "A" representative teams of CONCACAF	
	10 September – 2 October	FIFA Futsal World Cup Colombia 2016	
	30 October – 2 November	Type II	2
	4-7 December	Type II	2
2017	Dates	Window type	Max. number of matches
	23 January – 1 February	Type I	4
	3-12 April	Type I	4
	10-13 September	Type II	2
	24-27 September	Type II	2
	3-6 December	Type II	2
2018	Dates	Window type	Max. number of matches
	30 January – 11 February	Championship for "A" representative teams of all confederations except AFC	
	6-18 February	Final competition of AFC	
	1-4 April	Type II	2
	23-26 September	Type II	2
	28-31 October	Type II	2
	2-5 December	Type II	2

2019	Dates	Window type	Max. number of matches
	28 January – 6 February	Type I	4
	8-17 April	Type I	4
	22-25 September	Type II	2
	21-30 October	Type I	4
	1-4 December	Type II	2
2020	Dates	Window type	Max. number of matches
	28 January – 9 February	Championship for "A" representative teams of all confederations	
	12-15 April	Type II	2
	12 September – 4 October	FIFA Futsal World Cup 2020	
	1-4 November	Type II	2
	6-9 December	Type II	2