

The Scottish Football Association
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Dear President, *dear friend,*

It is with a sad heart that I write to you today, having learned of the passing of Ernie Walker.

Ernie Walker enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a FIFA official. He was a member of the Board of Appeal for the FIFA Competitions from 1985 to 1986, a member of the Protocol Committee from 1987 to 1990 as well as a member of the Committee for the FIFA Youth Competitions from 1988 to 1989. Furthermore, Ernie Walker was part of the Bureau for Under 16 World Tournament in 1989 and a member of the Appeal Committee from 1991 to 1998. In addition Ernie Walker was part of advisers for special duties from 1991 to 1994. The list of his contribution to our game and to FIFA is long. The world of football will miss him – I will miss a true friend.

Moreover, Ernie Walker was also involved in several FIFA World Cups: Mexico 1986, Italy 1990, the USA 1994, France 1998 as well as Korea/Japan 2002.

On behalf of FIFA and the worldwide family of football, I wish to extend our condolences to you, to the Scottish football community and, most importantly, to Ernie Walker's family, friends and loved ones.

Please let them know that today the football community stands by their side. We would hope that in some way, our words of support may help bring a little bit of peace and solace in this time of sadness.

Yours respectfully,



Joseph S. Blatter