



TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1600

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Participation of clubs in the benefits of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

Dear Sir or Madam,

All members of FIFA accept that competitions between representative teams of member associations are of vital importance to football in general and to the game's development and standing in particular.

As world football's governing body, FIFA has a duty to promote such international matches between representative teams by taking any measures it deems appropriate. Bearing this in mind, the FIFA Executive Committee (now the FIFA Council) decided to allocate an amount from the benefits of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ to member associations for them to pass on to the clubs from their association who have helped to contribute to the successful staging of this competition, as was done with the benefits of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™.

For the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™, this amount was set at USD 70 million, whereas for the upcoming 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, the then FIFA Executive Committee designated USD 209 million. These are gross amounts, i.e. prior to any taxes and deductions.

We are now pleased to provide you with the detailed procedure for the payments to be made to the relevant clubs (cf. attachment).

In order to be eligible to receive a share of the benefits of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, clubs must return to FIFA (with a copy to their member association) the correctly completed club application form, duly signed, by 30 November 2017 (date of receipt at FIFA) at the latest.


Member associations are herewith requested to immediately forward copies of the enclosed club application form to all of their affiliated top-division clubs, regardless of whether or not they have released, or will release, players for a representative team at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, as

well as to any other of their affiliated clubs that have released or may release players to any representative team at the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.

Please note that the corresponding procedure, timetable and calculation mechanism for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ will be similar to those implemented for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™.

We thank you for your kind attention to the above and our PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL DEPARTMENT (professional.football@fifa.org) remains at your disposal should you have any questions in this respect.

Yours faithfully,
FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



Fatma Samoura
Secretary General

Enclosure:

- Club application form incl. schedule for payments to clubs for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

cc (with enclosure): FIFA Council

ENCLOSURE: CLUB APPLICATION FORM

TO BE DULY SIGNED AND SENT BY FAX TO FIFA BY 30 NOVEMBER 2017 (DATE OF RECEIPT)

FAX NUMBER: +41 43 222 78 78

Copy to member association: _____

Fax number of the member association: _____

CLUB APPLICATION FORM

From _____ [name of club]

Phone _____ [phone number of club]

Email _____ [email address of club]

– affiliated to _____ [name of the member association] –

to FIFA

Participation in the benefits of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™

We, the undersigned club, hereby confirm our commitment to support representative team competitions and to comply with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players. We confirm that we wish to receive payments for our contribution to the successful staging of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ in accordance with the terms set out in this club application form and in the attached schedule, and understand that this signed club application form must be returned to FIFA by the above date in order for us to do so. We acknowledge and agree that any such payments that we are entitled to receive, subject to the valid signature of this form and subject to possible taxes, will be distributed via the member association to which we are affiliated after the successful staging of the FIFA World Cup™.

We acknowledge and agree that there will be no additional payments from FIFA or our confederation or any member association (other than under purely domestic relations between member associations and their clubs) in recognition of our contribution to the successful staging of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, or in relation to the cost of insurance of players, without prejudice to any compensation from the FIFA Club Protection Programme, or any other matter (compensation of any kind) arising from the release or participation of players for representative teams in general and in particular for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.

In particular, we agree and confirm:

- to recognise FIFA as world football's governing body, in accordance with its Statutes;
- to participate only in competitions that are organised or recognised by our confederation and/or FIFA;
- not to be a member of any association or grouping involving clubs from more than one country (i.e. more than one member association) [for European clubs only: other than the European Club Association (ECA)];
- not to be a party to any legal proceedings against FIFA and/or our confederation and/or any member association as regards the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and/or the FIFA Statutes;
- to make no claims against FIFA and/or our confederation and/or any other member association in relation to the cost of insurance of players, without prejudice to any claims relating to the FIFA Club Protection Programme, or any other matter (compensation of any kind) arising from the release or participation of players for representative teams and in particular for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ (said release or participation does not concern purely domestic relations between our Club and our member association);
- to comply with the applicable procedure, timetable and calculation mechanism defined by FIFA from time to time as regards the calculation and distribution of the above-mentioned payments;
- to respect the international match calendar as drawn up by FIFA following consultation with confederations, member associations, clubs, leagues and players;
- to use the payments at least partly for youth and development programmes;
- to be subject to and adhere to the Statutes and regulations of FIFA and of our confederation;
- to recognise the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) as the sole competent body to decide on disputes (including this club application form) between our club and FIFA and/or the confederations (and their members), as stipulated in the FIFA Statutes;
- to immediately return the original of this form to FIFA upon its first request;
- not to assign any rights and duties in relation to this club application form to any third party without the prior written and explicit permission of FIFA.

We acknowledge and agree that non-compliance with the above conditions and obligations will mean that our club will forgo any entitlement to receive payments in connection with our contribution to the successful staging of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ and that any other appropriate measures may be taken in accordance with the Statutes and regulations of FIFA and/or of our confederation.

We have read and understood this club application form, together with the attached schedule, which is an integral part hereof. We confirm that our signature of this document constitutes a binding and irrevocable expression of our full agreement with it.

Place and date: _____

On behalf of: _____ [name of the club]

Name: _____

Signature: _____

ANNEXE: SCHEDULE FOR PAYMENTS TO CLUBS IN RELATION TO THE 2018 FIFA WORLD CUP RUSSIA™

A. General principles

The payments will be made on the following basis:

For the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, the total gross amount available for payment to clubs ("Distribution Amount") will be USD 209 million, provided that the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ has been staged successfully.

A club's share of this Distribution Amount is calculated based on the number of players from a club who are selected for the representative team squad for the final competition of the FIFA World Cup™ and the number of days each player is at the 2018 FIFA World Cup™, starting two weeks before the opening match of the final competition until the day after his representative team is eliminated.

A pro rata share is then passed on to the club(s) with which the player selected for the representative team squad for the final competition of a FIFA World Cup™ was registered in the two years prior to one day after the elimination of the representative team from the final competition.

Payments are distributed via the member associations.

B. Payments and allocation calculation

Payments for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ shall be calculated as follows:

The total number of players selected for all the representative teams participating in the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ is 736 (i.e. 32 [representative teams] x 23 [players each]). On a cumulative basis, the players will participate in the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ for a total of approximately 24,500 days (i.e. starting two weeks before the opening match until the day following the last match of the representative team in question).

The Distribution Amount (USD 209 million gross) is divided by the total number of days (24,500), which results in a rounded amount per player per day of around USD 8,530 (subject to any taxes and deductions).

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The rounded amount of USD 8,530 is multiplied by the number of days each player is at the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, starting two weeks before the opening match until the day following the last match of his representative team ("Total per Player"). It is not relevant whether or not the player actually plays in any given match.

The Total per Player is distributed on a pro rata basis to the clubs with which the player was registered during the two years before the day following the last match of his representative team at the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup™.

In the event of doubt or ambiguity regarding the above calculation, delays in filings and any unusual, specific or special cases, FIFA shall decide on the payment and allocation on a case-by-case basis and its decision shall be final.

Indicative example:

Player X is selected to play for representative team A in the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.

Player X is registered with club Y at the time of the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.

Player X was transferred from club Z to club Y in the summer of 2017.

Representative team A is eliminated in the quarter-final of the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™, which would result in a Total per Player for player X of USD 324,140 (38 days x USD 8,530).

The amount of USD 324,140 is shared on a pro rata basis between clubs Y and Z, based on the time player X was registered with the two clubs Y and Z in the previous two years, counting from one day after the elimination of representative team A in the final competition of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.