

TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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Decisions taken by the FIFA Executive Committee concerning women's competitions in 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

With regard to the FIFA women's football competitions in 2016, we would like to inform you about the following:

1. FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Jordan 2016

1.1 Tournament dates

The tournament will take place between the end of September and the end of October 2016.

1.2 Slot allocation

The slot allocation has been approved as follows:

AFC:	2 slots
CAF:	3 slots
CONCACAF:	3 slots
CONMEBOL:	3 slots
OFC:	1 slot
UEFA:	3 slots
Host:	1 slot (Jordan)

A minimum of one third of the member associations must participate in the respective confederation qualifying competitions. Otherwise, the slot allocation of the confederation will be reconsidered and re-distributed based on a decision by the FIFA Executive Committee. FIFA will contact all confederations in due course in order to discuss their qualification systems and the number of teams participating.

1.3 Eligibility of players

Each participating member association shall ensure that all of the players in its representative team were born on or after 1 January 1999.

2. FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup 2016

2.1 Tournament host and dates

The host of this tournament is yet to be assigned as South Africa withdrew from hosting it. However, depending on the host country chosen, the tournament will take place either in June/July/August or from mid-November to mid-December 2016. The decision on the host association and the tournament period will be communicated by FIFA as soon as possible.

2.2 Slot allocation

The slot allocation has been confirmed as follows:

AFC:	3 slots
CAF:	2 slots
CONCACAF:	3 slots
CONMEBOL:	2 slots
OFC:	1 slot
UEFA:	4 slots
Host:	1 slot

As with the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, a minimum of one third of the member associations must participate in the respective confederation qualifying competitions. Otherwise, the slot allocation of the confederation will be reconsidered and re-distributed based on a decision by the FIFA Executive Committee. FIFA will contact all confederations in due course in order to discuss their qualification systems and the number of teams participating.

2.3 Eligibility of players

Each participating member association shall ensure that all of the players in its representative team were born on or after 1 January 1996.


3. Organisation of the qualifying competitions

The organisation of the qualifying competitions for the FIFA World Cups mentioned above is the responsibility of the respective confederation. The confederations will inform their member associations about the qualifying competition plan, regulations and match dates in due time.

We kindly ask you to take note of the above.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION


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cc: Committee for Women's Football and the FIFA Women's World Cup™
Organising Committee for the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup
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