

To the member associations of FIFA

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Olympic Football Tournaments Rio 2016 – Men's and Women's Tournaments

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the Games of the XXXI Olympiad, Rio 2016 will take place from 3 to 19 August 2016. Both the Men's (16 teams) and Women's (12 teams) Olympic Football Tournaments will form part of these games, and a preliminary competition will be held in each confederation to determine the participants.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite FIFA's member associations to enter the men's and women's competitions by filling in and returning the attached entry form to FIFA by Friday, 25 October at the latest. Entries made by fax must be confirmed by also sending in the original entry form. Entry is free of charge.

In addition, we would appreciate you taking note of the following information:

1. It is only possible for a member association to enter its respective men's or women's team into the preliminary competition for the Olympic Football Tournaments Rio 2016 if its National Olympic Committee is officially recognised or in the process of being recognised by the International Olympic Committee.
2. To be eligible for participation in the Olympic Games, players competing in the Men's and Women's Olympic Football Tournaments must comply with Rule 40 "Eligibility Code" as well as with the Bye-Law to Rule 40 of the Olympic Charter, as outlined in the attached document.
3. All players participating in the preliminary and final competition of the Men's Olympic Football Tournament Rio 2016 shall be born on or after 1 January 1993, with the exception of a maximum of three players who do not meet this age limit who may also be included in the official list of players for the final competition.
4. There are no age restrictions for the players participating in the Women's Olympic Football Tournament Rio 2016.

We hope that this information will be of use to you. Further details regarding the eligibility of players in the Men's and Women's Olympic Football Tournaments as well as on the allocation of

slots per confederation for the final competition will be communicated to you in due course through the Competition Regulations.

Yours faithfully,

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



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Enclosures

- Entry Form
- Copy of Rule 40 and Bye-Law to Rule 40 of the Olympic Charter

cc:

- FIFA Executive Committee
- FIFA Organising Committee for the Olympic Football Tournaments
- IOC
- Rio 2016
- Confederations



II. PARTICIPATION IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES

40 Eligibility Code*

To be eligible for participation in the Olympic Games, a competitor, coach, trainer or other team official must comply with the Olympic Charter, including the conditions of eligibility established by the IOC, as well as with the rules of the IF concerned as approved by the IOC, and the competitor, coach, trainer or other team official must be entered by his NOC.

The above-noted persons must:

- respect the spirit of fair play and non violence, and behave accordingly; and
- respect and comply in all aspects with the World Anti-Doping Code.

Bye-law to Rule 40

1. *Each IF establishes its sport's own eligibility criteria in accordance with the Olympic Charter. Such criteria must be submitted to the IOC Executive Board for approval.*
2. *The application of the eligibility criteria lies with the IFs, their affiliated national federations and the NOCs in the fields of their respective responsibilities.*
3. *Except as permitted by the IOC Executive Board, no competitor, coach, trainer or official who participates in the Olympic Games may allow his person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Olympic Games.*
4. *The entry or participation of a competitor in the Olympic Games shall not be conditional on any financial consideration.*

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Preliminary Competition Entry form

Member association

herewith undertakes to participate in the preliminary competitions for the

- ☐ **Men's Olympic Football Tournament**
- ☐ **Women's Olympic Football Tournament**

Name and function

Place and date

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO FIFA BY FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2013