



Football Australia Circular

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TO THE MEMBERS OF FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA

FIFA FOOTBALL AGENT REGULATIONS & FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA NATIONAL FOOTBALL AGENT REGULATIONS

The purpose of this Circular is to provide an update regarding the approval of the FIFA Football Agent Regulations (**FFAR**) and Football Australia's National Football Agent Regulations.

1. Approval of the FIFA Football Agent Regulations

Background

In December 2022, the FIFA Council approved the FIFA Football Agent Regulations. Articles 1 – 10 and 22 – 27, which generally relate to the process for obtaining a licence and therefore being authorised to conduct football agent services on a worldwide basis, entered into force on 9 January 2023. The remaining articles, which generally relate to acting as a Football Agent and the obligations of football agents and clients, enter into force on 1 October 2023.

The agents section of FIFA's [website](#) provides further details on the FFAR.

Implementation

The transition period provides sufficient time for interested individuals to become licensed as football agents in accordance with the FFAR. The process to become a licensed football agent includes:

- (a) submitting a completed application via the [FIFA Agent Platform](#);
- (b) ensuring compliance with the eligibility requirements outlined in the FFAR;
- (c) successfully passing the football agent exam conducted by FIFA; and
- (d) payment the annual fee to FIFA.

The FFAR outlines the requirements for agents formerly licensed pursuant to the FIFA Players' Agent Regulations to receive an exemption from passing the football agent exam.

Two agent exams will be conducted prior to 1 October: 19 April and 20 September. Each Member Association will administer the exam in their country/territory. All information relating to the exam will be uploaded into the FIFA Agent Platform.

As of 1 October, any individual who provides football agent services to a client must hold a licence issued by FIFA in accordance with the FFAR.

2. Approval of the Football Australia National Football Agent Regulations

Background

As required in the FFAR, and in alignment with Football Australia's efforts to modernise and transform the Domestic Transfer System (**DTS**), Football Australia has approved its national football agent regulations on 23 March 2023. These regulations govern the occupation of football agents within Australia under the jurisdiction of Football Australia and apply to all representation agreements that do not have an international dimension.

The mandatory provisions, processes and obligations as outlined by FIFA, as well as the domestic football agent framework, have been incorporated into the existing regulatory framework rather than developing an additional discrete football agent regulation.

These national football agent regulation provisions have been incorporated in Schedule 3 of the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations (**NRSTRs**). The NRSTRs are included as an Attachment to this Circular and will be posted to the Football Australia website.

This includes the incorporation of a mandatory domestic registration process for football agents. By registering with Football Australia, football agents will be obligated to comply with Football Australia's regulatory framework and additional requirements that will ensure the safety and wellbeing of domestic participants in the course of interactions with these football agents.

The provisions provide jurisdiction to the Football Australia National Dispute Resolution Chamber (**NDRC**) to determine disputes arising out of, or in connection with, an agent representation agreement without an international dimension, given that FIFA provides jurisdiction to the Dispute Resolution Chamber for matters of an international dimension.

The provisions also expand the jurisdiction of the Football Australia Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, which, in accordance with the FA Grievance Procedure, is already afforded jurisdiction to hear and determine certain matters arising in relation to alleged breaches of the NRSTRs, to hear and, in the event of a determination of breach, to impose sanctions on any football agent or client for alleged breaches of the NRSTRs.

Implementation and Operations

The requirements for the registration of football agents, including the requirement for football agents to agree to abide by the domestic football agent framework, entered into force on 23 March 2023.

The remaining provisions enter into force on 1 October 2023, in line with the FFAR.

Football Australia will continue to communicate with relevant stakeholders regarding the FFAR and the national football agent regulations, including providing updates received by FIFA, sharing educational materials, and conducting stakeholder consultations on the service fee cap provisions.

If you have any queries in relation to this Circular, please contact legal@footballaustralia.com.au.

Yours sincerely



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