

**To the members of FIFA**

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**FIFA Gender Verification Regulations**

Dear Sir or Madam,

At its meeting on 30 May 2011, the FIFA Executive Committee approved the FIFA Gender Verification Regulations, which are enclosed with this circular. These regulations apply to all FIFA competitions and enter into force with immediate effect.

FIFA competitions are defined for specific groups determined by age and sex in order to ensure a level playing field for all players. Androgenic hormones have performance-enhancing effects, which may provide an advantage in football. It is a major responsibility of member associations to ensure the correct gender of their players. Please familiarise yourself with the stipulations of these regulations and ensure their correct implementation within your association.

We appreciate your cooperation in the above matter.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



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Secretary General

Enclosures: FIFA Gender Verification Regulations

cc: FIFA Executive Committee  
FIFA Medical Committee  
Confederations