

TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

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2014 FIFA List of International Referees

Dear Sir or Madam,

Online registration

Making use of the latest technology, FIFA has further developed its web-based tools (FAST profiles). Once again, you will be able to nominate your international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees online this year, using an improved, user-friendly application.

The FAST profiles system offers you numerous advantages:

- Fewer administrative formalities
- **No need of sending hard copies**
- Secure internet access from anywhere in the world
- Photograph upload for new candidates

All member associations will shortly receive instructions via email for logging into and using the FAST profiles. If you have any questions or do not receive the instructions within ten days, please contact the FIFA refereeing department by email to refereeing@fifa.org or telephone +41 43 222 7777.

The deadline for completing the online registration procedure is **Friday, 20 September 2013**.

Registration by post

As in previous years, nominations for the FIFA lists of international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees may also be submitted by post. To this end, we enclose a blank 2014 nomination form and an adidas measurement sheet. Please make your own copies as necessary.

Any member associations who decide to submit their nominations by post may request hard copies of the 2013 referee forms to simplify the process of completing and updating them. To do so, please apply via email to refereeing@fifa.org or fax to +41 43 222 7878.

Should you decide to send your nominations by post, please observe the following:

1. The forms should be sent to FIFA in order of each candidate's ranking pursuant to article 4 paragraph 10 of the enclosed regulations. These rankings shall apply only to first division matches at which the candidates have officiated in the twelve months prior to their nomination. Please do not put the nominees in alphabetical order.
2. Should you need to make any changes to pre-printed forms (address, telephone number etc.), please do so in the right-hand column of the relevant candidate's form.
3. The forms have to be signed and stamped by the member association. All sections of the nomination form should be duly completed. Any forms that are incomplete or contain incorrect information will be rejected. All information will be treated as confidential.
4. All registration forms should be sent to FIFA by courier by **Friday, 20 September 2013**. Any forms sent by fax will not be considered.

We also enclose the regulations governing the registration of referees and assistant referees on the FIFA international lists. In particular, please note the following articles:

- Article 4, paragraph 4: *"The proposed referees shall be at least 25 years old **[born in 1988 or before]*** (23 years old in the case of assistant referees **[born in 1990 or before]***) and shall not have reached the age of 45 **[born in 1969 or later]*** on 1 January of the year for which they have been nominated; candidates shall not have reached the age of 38 on 1 January of the year for which they have been nominated **[born in 1976 or later]*** unless they have previously appeared on the list for which they are being proposed."*
- Article 4, paragraph 7: *"The proposed referees shall have passed the appropriate FIFA fitness test related to the list they belong to within the four months prior to the deadline for nomination for the lists of international referees and assistant referees **[between 20.05.2013 and 20.09.2013]***."*
*They shall also have passed a medical examination certifying that they are fit to act as referees within the four months prior to the deadline for nomination for the lists of international referees **[between 20.05.2013 and 20.09.2013]***."*

*The words marked in bold do not appear in the original article.

The candidates will need to undergo the fitness tests as detailed in the booklet "2013 Refereeing International Lists". It is only necessary to indicate the date on which the fitness tests and medical examination were passed.

The FIFA Referees' Committee will examine all nominations and decide which to include in the 2014 FIFA lists of international referees.

We thank you in advance for using FAST profiles and look forward to further collaboration with you in the future.

Yours faithfully,

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



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- Enc. - Regulations governing the registration of referees on FIFA international lists
- Nomination form (blank) for the 2014 FIFA lists of international referees
- Adidas measurement sheet
- cc: - FIFA Executive Committee
- Members of the FIFA Referees Committee
- Confederations
- Refereeing Development Officers

Regulations governing the registration of international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees on FIFA's lists

Any reference to referees in these regulations is for simplification and applies to both males and females as well as to assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees.

Article 1

Each year, FIFA publishes a list of referees, a list of assistant referees, a list of futsal referees and a list of beach soccer referees who are eligible to officiate at international matches. These lists come into effect on 1 January and are valid until 31 December of the same year.

Article 2

The FIFA Referees Committee shall draw up the lists of international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees in compliance with the articles of the FIFA Statutes.

Article 3

Each year, the FIFA Referees Committee shall request each member association to nominate candidates whom they consider qualified to act as an international referee, assistant referee, futsal referee or beach soccer referee.

Article 4

Lists shall be compiled for:

- referees
- assistant referees
- women referees
- women assistant referees
- futsal referees
- women futsal referees
- beach soccer referees

When nominating a candidate, the member associations shall observe the following conditions:

1. Candidates may be nominated for only one list.
2. Member associations that do not have an organised league may not make any nominations.
3. The maximum number of referees from each association shall be decided annually by the FIFA Referees Committee, taking the following factors, among others, into account:
 - 3.1. The level of refereeing of each association
 - 3.2. The level of competitions of each association
 - 3.3. The professional level of each association's competitions
4. The proposed referees shall be at least 25 years old (23 years old in the case of assistant referees) and shall not have reached the age of 45 on 1 January of the year for which they have been nominated; candidates shall not have reached the age of 38 on 1 January of the year for which they have been nominated unless they have previously appeared on the list for which they are being proposed.



5. The proposed referees shall have officiated regularly at matches in the highest division in their country for at least two years.
6. Only candidates who have officiated more often as assistant referees than as referees in the previous twelve months may be considered for the list of international assistant referees.
7. The proposed referees shall have passed the category 1 FIFA fitness test related to the list they belong to within the four months prior to the deadline for nomination for the lists of international referees and assistant referees.
They shall also have passed a medical examination certifying that they are fit to act as referees within the four months prior to the deadline for nomination for the lists of international referees.
8. Only women referees or women assistant referees who have passed FIFA's physical fitness test for men may be nominated for men's tournaments or matches.
9. Candidates who are injured, ill or pregnant at the time of registration may be approved provisionally until they have passed the above-mentioned medical examination and physical fitness test and FIFA has received official notification of the results.
10. The member associations shall supply FIFA with the rankings of the proposed referees based on the marks obtained at national level. These rankings shall apply only to first division matches at which they have officiated in the twelve months prior to their nomination.
11. The official forms shall be returned, duly completed and bearing the association's official stamp, to the FIFA general secretariat by the prescribed deadline.
12. Failure to fulfil any of the foregoing conditions will lead to rejection of the candidate in question.

Article 5

An international referee included in one of the lists for any given year may not be proposed for any other list until a period of twelve months (for specialised training) has elapsed. This period shall begin on the day on which the referee concerned no longer appears on the international list.

Article 6

A referee proposed for the lists may not exercise any official function as a member of an executive committee, general secretary, or member of the referees committee of any football club, member association, confederation or FIFA.

Article 7

The FIFA Referees Committee shall decide which nominations will be accepted for the lists of international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees. The committee may consult the confederations before reaching a decision.

Article 8

The committee reserves the right to decide on the number of referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees that it deems appropriate for the lists. When making its choice, the committee is not obliged to accept the ranking mentioned in art. 4 par. 10 above.

Article 9

The referees selected will automatically be given the FIFA international referee's, assistant referee's, futsal referee's or beach soccer referee's badge, which they shall wear at all of the domestic and international matches at which they officiate during their year of appointment as international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees or beach soccer referees. However, a FIFA assistant referee may not wear the FIFA international assistant referee's badge in matches at which he is officiating as a referee. The same applies to a FIFA futsal referee or beach soccer referee when officiating at traditional football matches as a referee.

Article 10

The FIFA Referees Committee reserves the right to suspend or eliminate any international referee, assistant referee, futsal referee or beach soccer referee from the lists on grounds of mediocrity, indiscipline or for any other justifiable reason.

Article 11

The member associations to which international referees belong may request the FIFA Referees Committee in writing to suspend or remove a referee from the lists for any justifiable reason.

Article 12

The FIFA Referees Committee reserves the right to decide whether or not to appoint a referee appearing on the international lists.

Article 13

Decisions passed by the FIFA Referees Committee are final and not subject to appeal.