

To the members of FIFA

Circular no. 1336

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Integrity declaration for the international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees on the 2013 FIFA lists

Dear general secretaries,

The role of the referees and assistant referees is vital to all FIFA matches and competitions. However, the problem of match-fixing, also known as sport manipulation or sporting fraud, is a serious threat to the ethics and integrity of sports. Match-fixing in sport is often motivated by the opportunity for significant financial or other personal gain through manipulation of the result. Irregular and fraudulent sports betting is on the rise around the globe. Those involved in organised crime attempt to contact parties who are able to influence the course of a match, and it is in this area that we are asking you this year once again for your vital help.

Please distribute the attached integrity declaration to each of the 3,182 referees on the 2013 FIFA refereeing list for completion and return to the FIFA Security Division by 14 February 2013.

Please note that, in order to be accepted, each integrity declaration must contain:

- a recent photo of the referee
- all questions answered
- the referee's handwritten signature

The integrity declaration may be sent by:

- fax: +41 43 222 78 78
- e-mail: security@fifa.org
- post: FIFA-Strasse 20, P.O. Box, 8044 Zurich, Switzerland

By asking all FIFA-listed referees to complete and return the integrity declaration, we are striving to not only ensure that FIFA is well protected but also to consolidate the referees' commitment to the integrity of football. Our global experience is that referees and assistant referees are the primary target of match-fixers, so it is essential that all referees and assistant referees clearly and unequivocally commit to protecting the game's integrity by returning the integrity declaration.

Please note that in the event of non-compliance with this requirement, the FIFA Refereeing Department reserves the right to take any action deemed appropriate (**such as, but not limited to, the non-appointment of referees for future international matches**) against selected referees who have not responded.

The fight against the influencing and fixing of sports matches to protect the integrity of sport is a must-win for the whole world. With your valuable support, we will tackle the threat of match-fixing head on.

We greatly appreciate your assistance and thank you for informing the referees concerned accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



Jérôme Valcke
Secretary General

cc: - FIFA Executive Committee
- Confederations

INTEGRITY DECLARATION

For international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees on FIFA's lists for 2013

This information will be treated confidentially and will not be given to third parties:

Surname:		Photo
First name:		
Date of birth:		
Member association:		
Nationality/nationalities:		
Profession:		

a.	I confirm that I can be appointed to referee matches of any team or club and that I have neither business nor private interests, nor any relationships which could affect my appointments.	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
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If NO:

- Team or club for which I should NOT be appointed (1)

Reason/relationship	
Remarks	

- Team or club for which I should NOT be appointed (2)

Reason/relationship	
Remarks	

- Team or club for which I should NOT be appointed (3)

Reason/relationship	
Remarks	

b.	I confirm that I will inform FIFA immediately if, in the future, I should not be appointed to referee matches of a specific team or club, and that I will state the reasons.	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
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c.	List any matches (non-FIFA) that you have refereed outside your own country, or any "A" international friendly matches within your own country in the past 12 months:	
	I confirm that I will inform FIFA in advance of all such future matches that I agree to referee:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

d.	I confirm that I will contact FIFA immediately in the event of any suspicious	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
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Final remarks:

The undersigned referee/assistant referee agrees that he shall:

- a) not take part in betting connected with football, including soliciting or facilitating, or attempting to solicit or facilitate another person to do so.
- b) not tolerate any form of manipulation (by offering, or attempting to offer or by receiving, or attempting to receive or seek a bribe) or unlawful influencing of match results.
- c) report any approach or other activity which contravenes, or which may contravene, the sport's regulatory framework, in particular any statutes, regulations or any other law applicable to the undersigned, and cooperate with any investigation and/or request for information.
- d) confirm, with his signature below, that he will comply with all provisions applicable to him in relation to his activity within the sport, particularly those of the FIFA Statutes, the FIFA Code of Ethics, the FIFA Disciplinary Code and the Regulations Governing International Matches.

Any form of approach or knowledge thereof in connection with potential match-fixing must be reported immediately to your head of delegation, a FIFA official or directly to FIFA Security Division (security@fifa.org). Any information provided will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Date:	
Signature:	

This document should be completed, signed and returned/validated by the international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees who are on FIFA's lists for 2013, by **28 February 2013**.