

To the member associations of FIFA and the confederations

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FIFA Financial Assistance Programme (FAP) for member associations and the confederations **New 2009 FAP regulations**

Dear Sir or Madam,

At its meeting in Tokyo on 20 December 2008, the FIFA Executive Committee approved the new version of the FAP regulations governing the use of FAP funds. They came into force on 1 January 2009. These regulations replace the previous FAP regulations and circulars governing awards under the Financial Assistance Programme.

We are pleased to enclose three copies of the new regulations.

The FAP regulations were introduced in 1999 and first revised in 2003. After six years, we can look back with satisfaction on their successful implementation. When the 2003 FAP regulations were approved, it was clear that it would be necessary to set new objectives in due course.

The main objective of these new FAP regulations is the professionalisation of the management of the member associations, which helps to promote football and to improve the image of our organisation.

Key elements of the 2009 FAP regulations:

- Reinforcement of the statutory audit (art. 3.11: *Only those member associations and confederations that carry out a statutory audit executed by an independent auditor, as outlined in their statutes, are entitled to apply for FAP funding. The FIFA Finance Committee shall decide on any exceptions to this rule.*)
- Harmonisation of audit procedures for member associations and the confederations
- Introduction of the technical and development director requirement (art. 3.10: *FIFA member associations are entitled to receive the FAP money provided that they employ a technical and development director who is in charge of youth and development programmes.*)
- Simplification of reporting procedures

In order to facilitate the transition of the application and accounting procedures and to clarify the FAP regulations, FIFA will be holding some regional workshops between March and June 2009.



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Furthermore, FIFA, through its Member Associations & Development Division, is ready to provide support to any member association which presently does not fulfil the necessary conditions of holding an annual statutory audit and having a technical and development director, so that from 2010 all FIFA member associations will be able to comply with these requirements and thus benefit from the 2010 FAP. With regard to the technical and development director, a job description listing all minimum requirements for such a position will be elaborated by the FIFA Technical Department and will be available, upon request, to member associations interesting in receiving such support.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

FIFA



Jérôme Valcke
Secretary General

Enclosures as mentioned

cc: FIFA Executive Committee