

**TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA****Circular no. 1385**

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**Movement of players, coaches, referees and officials into, out of, and within Palestine**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing in regards to the above matter, which was discussed during the FIFA Executive Committee meeting held in Zurich on 3 and 4 October 2013.

Following the mandate given to FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter during the 63<sup>rd</sup> FIFA Congress and his subsequent visit to the region, the FIFA Task Force Israel-Palestine was established and meetings were held in September 2013. The outcome of these meetings was that the Israel Football Association (IFA) and the Palestine Football Association (PFA), under the umbrella of FIFA and in close cooperation with the AFC and UEFA, agreed on certain parameters that would facilitate the movement of Players and Officials as well as football equipment into, out of, and within Palestine. These parameters include the modalities and terms of notifications, the appointment of liaison officers and follow-up procedures.

We would now like to draw your attention to the parameters concerning the movement of Players and Officials into, out of, and within Palestine, which were approved by the FIFA Executive Committee during its meeting on 3 and 4 October 2013. The relevant parameters are as follows:

- The PFA shall notify the Palestinian authorities 35 days in advance of the possible movement of Players and Officials into, out of, and within Palestine.
- The Palestine authorities shall in turn inform the Israeli authorities.
- The PFA may submit changes up to 21 days before the date of movement.

The above parameters shall be implemented immediately and in conformity with the FIFA Statutes, and FIFA, in close cooperation with the AFC and UEFA, will provide the necessary institutional backing to ensure they are followed. There will be a test period of four months during which an evaluation will be completed on the situation on the ground. Should the parameters be deemed successful following this evaluation, then a more formal mechanism may be discussed between the parties.

In view of the above, we kindly request all member associations to take note of the agreed parameters concerning the movement of Players and Officials into, out of, and within Palestine and act in accordance with the specified time frames until further notice.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
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