



## LEADING AGENT ORGANISATIONS MEET WITH FIFA JANUARY, 2022

PROFAA/UAIFA/AFAA, agent organisations representing members from all around the world, held meetings with FIFA on 27-28 January, 2022, to discuss key points in relation to the latest draft of the FIFA Football Agent Rules and Regulations (FARR).

During recent years, these agent organisations have been involved, in conjunction with other football stakeholders, in providing significant input to FIFA, which has resulted in a number of key proposals being incorporated into the regulations thus far. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The establishment of the Agents Chamber within FIFA's Football Tribunal
- The limiting of agents' licences to natural persons only
- The increase of the duration of representation agreements to three years from two
- The reintroduction of a mandatory exam for agents, to be carried out through the relevant member association and using a dedicated FIFA platform, with FIFA being the organisation ultimately responsible for issuing licences
- The application of sanctions against clubs and players who work with unlicensed agents
- The establishment of a football agent working group composed of representatives of professional football stakeholders and FIFA-recognised agent organisations
- The introduction of mandatory annual training, to be conducted on the aforementioned FIFA platform
- The agent organisations will be tasked with identifying and reporting anomalies in the relevant market.

Moreover, it has been agreed that there will be further engagement with, and involvement of agent organisations on an ongoing basis as there are more areas of the draft FARR that PROFAA/UAIFA/AFAA feel need consideration.



The objective of these discussions with FIFA is to raise the ethical and professional standards of agents, while ensuring clarity and transparency and positioning agents as essential figures in the football industry, whilst continuing to present the concerns of the agent organisations members.

Although there are still issues to be addressed, the agent organisations welcome the opportunity to continue to discuss this matter with FIFA and other relevant football stakeholders with a view to amending the third draft of the FIFA FARR to reflect a much fairer and equitable position for agents, and protect their livelihoods and position within the Football ecosystem, of which they play an important role.