

## TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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### **Amendments to the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players – new provisions concerning the loan of players in international football**

Dear Sir or Madam,

As you are aware, in October 2019 the FIFA Council [endorsed the inclusion of loans](#) as part of the wider reform of the transfer system.

In short, the purpose of reviewing the loan system was to adopt rules that, instead of prohibiting, accurately regulate the loan activity of clubs in order to ensure that loans are used to pursue legitimate training and development objectives, whilst at the same time limiting excessive and abusive practices.

Both FIFA and the global football stakeholders recognised the importance of a clear and stable structure, and the new framework will ensure that developing young players, promoting competitive balance and preventing the hoarding of players underpin the new rules.

With the new loan regulations initially planned to enter into force on 1 July 2020, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic [led to the FIFA Council deciding on 27 March 2020](#) to postpone the entry into force of the regulations until the situation within the international football market became clearer.

Following [the endorsement of the FIFA Football Stakeholders Committee](#) in May 2021 regarding the implementation of the new loan rules as of 1 July 2022, [the FIFA Council approved the amended Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players \(RSTP\) on 30 March 2022](#).

The amendments and additions to the RSTP, which concern the definition of the term “Club-trained player”, along with article 1 paragraph 3 a) and b), article 10, and Annexe 6, article 2 paragraphs 4 and 5 of the RSTP, will come into force on **1 July 2022**.

The revised edition of the RSTP, as well as explanatory notes concerning the new provisions in relation to the loan of players in international football are available on **legal.fifa.com**.

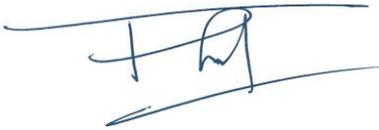
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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions in this regard.

We thank you for taking note of the above and for informing your affiliated clubs accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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