

TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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2021 FIFA Refereeing International Lists

Dear Sir or Madam,

FIFA would hereby like to invite you to nominate match officials for the FIFA Refereeing International Lists for 2021.

As has been separately communicated to each member association, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the delayed restart of competitions globally, the deadline to nominate international match officials for the upcoming year has been extended until **8 November 2020**.

A unique link for the online registration process has been created for each member association and is included in the email accompanying this circular.

We enclose the Regulations on the Nomination and Appointment of FIFA Match Officials for your convenience. We would also like to bring the following points to your attention:

1. The proposed match officials shall be at least 25 years old (23 years old in the case of assistant referees) on 1 January of the year for which they have been nominated. Referees must have been born no later than **31 December 1995**, and assistant referees must have been born no later than **31 December 1997** to ensure a minimum level of experience. FIFA reserves the right to require match officials over the age of 45 (born in **1976** or before) to undergo additional technical assessments as well as specific medical examinations and fitness testing on a case-by-case basis.
2. Each candidate must be ranked based on the marks obtained for officiating matches at national level during the 12 months prior to being nominated for the list of international match officials. Please do not put the nominees in alphabetical order.
3. At a minimum, all nominated match officials (except video match officials) must have passed a FIFA-approved **fitness test** and a **medical examination** on or after **2 June 2020**.

Please note that all match official roles are now gender-neutral. Both men and women can be nominated for each role since separate roles for women no longer exist.

The FIFA Referees Committee will carefully consider all nominations submitted by each member association before deciding who will be named on the upcoming international lists.

If you have any questions or need help with anything, please contact Mike Bössler, Refereeing and VAR Project Manager, by email at refereeing@fifa.org or by telephone at +41 43 222 7654.

We appreciate your continued support for refereeing at all levels and look forward to working closely together with you going forward.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



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