



## **TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA**

Circular no.1955

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### **Amendments to the FIFA Clearing House Regulations and the Procedural Rules Governing the Football Tribunal**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you of an amendment to the FIFA Clearing House Regulations (FCHR) and various amendments to the Procedural Rules Governing the Football Tribunal (Procedural Rules), which were approved by the FIFA Council at its meeting on 17 December 2025.

The following paragraphs briefly set out these amendments.

#### **Amendment to the FCHR**

Since the launch of the FIFA Clearing House in November 2022, over USD 400 million has been paid out to almost 3,000 training clubs through FCH.

The information available shows that a substantial proportion of training rewards concern very small amounts (on some occasions, even less than EUR 1), covering cases where a player has been registered with the training club for a very short period of time.

Indeed, entitlements below EUR 100 account for 13.3% of the total number of payments but only 0.05% of the total money allocated.

In view of the above and to streamline operations and process payments even more swiftly for the benefit of stakeholders, a **threshold of EUR 100 has been introduced**, below which entitlements to training rewards will be considered discarded and will not be included in an allocation statement.

The aforementioned amendment concerns article 12 paragraph 4 of the FCHR.

## **Amendments to the Procedural Rules**

Several minor amendments to the Procedural Rules were approved to codify existing practices and clarify applicable procedures, thereby ensuring consistency and predictability in the work of the Football Tribunal. The amendments concern the following topics:

- Applicable law: Removal of the term “specificity of sport” to align with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, in the context of the introduction of the interim regulatory framework
- Composition of the Football Tribunal: In reference to the fact that the Football Tribunal is composed of different chambers, each with a chairperson and one (or more) deputy chairperson(s), codification of the existing practice in the sense that some chambers may have additional deputy chairpersons
- Preliminary procedural matters: Clarification of the circumstances in which expedited decisions may be rendered
- Mediation: Codification of who may propose mediation in a dispute and who may ratify a settlement agreement
- Regulatory applications: Confirmation that requests regarding the release of players to representative-team duty must be submitted to the Players’ Status Chamber via the FIFA Legal Portal
- Requests for eligibility or a change of association: Introduction of a new article clarifying the procedure, channel and deadlines for requests related to the eligibility of a player to play for a representative team or a change of association

The aforementioned amendments concern article 3, article 4 paragraphs 3, 4 and 5, article 19 paragraph 1 b), article 26 paragraphs 1 and 3, article 29 paragraphs 1 f) and 2 b), and a new article 31.

## **Entry into force of the amendments**

All the amendments outlined above (to both the FCHR and the Procedural Rules) entered into force on **1 January 2026**, as reflected in article 26 of the FCHR and article 35 paragraph 1 of the Procedural Rules.

The revised editions of the FCHR and the Procedural Rules are available at [legal.fifa.com](https://legal.fifa.com).

We thank you for taking note of the above and for informing your affiliated clubs accordingly. Please do not hesitate to contact Jan Kleiner, Director of Football Regulatory, at [regulatory@fifa.org](mailto:regulatory@fifa.org) if you have any questions in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: - FIFA Clearing House Regulations (January 2026 edition)  
- Procedural Rules Governing the Football Tribunal (January 2026 edition)

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- Confederations  
- European Football Clubs  
- FIFPRO  
- World Leagues Association  
- Legal Committee