

**TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA**

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**2011 FIFA women's international match calendar**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to provide you with the dates for the women's international match calendar for 2011 (see enclosure).

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following aspects of the women's international match calendar.

Every calendar year includes periods reserved for international friendly matches or official matches (e.g. matches in competitions organised by FIFA or the confederations). Equally, the calendar contains periods reserved for a series of so-called special matches, again divided into international friendly or official matches. All these periods are called "FIFA reserved dates" in the calendar.

**Release of players:**

Annexe 1 of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (June 2010 edition, which will come into force on 1 October 2010) applies in every respect to the release of players in connection with the women's international match calendar, with the exception of the second part of art. 1 par. 4 b) of the said annexe. In fact, the women's international match calendar does not contain double-dates in the sense to which the relevant provision of the annexe 1 refers. Clubs are obliged to release their players only for the dates protected in the calendar. If a representative team has a gap of eight days or more between two matches, players are not permitted to stay with their representative team during this time.

Players must be released for pre-match preparations as follows:

- a) for a friendly match: 48 hours
- b) for a qualifying match in an international tournament: four days (including the matchday). The release period is extended to five days if the match concerned is held in a different confederation from the one in which the player's club is registered.
- c) for a qualifying match in an international tournament on a date reserved for friendly matches: 48 hours
- d) for a friendly match on a date reserved for qualifying matches for an international tournament: 48 hours
- e) for the finals of an international tournament: 14 days before the first match in the tournament.


Number of times a player must be released:

A club is obliged to release a player for no more than ten international matches per year. If, after already playing ten matches in the same calendar year, an association has to play additional matches in a FIFA or confederation final competition for national "A" teams or another competition at confederation level that serves as the qualifying tournament for a FIFA competition or for the finals of a confederation competition for national "A" teams, clubs will also be obliged to release players for the relevant matches.

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

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



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cc: - FIFA Executive Committee  
- Confederations  
- Committee for Women's Football and the FIFA Women's World Cup™  
- Organising Committee for the FIFA U-20 and U-17 Women's World Cups  
- FIFA Players' Status Committee

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Reserved dates	Days	Special matches (Official matches (*) or Friendly matches (0))	Official matches (*) (release period 4/5 days) Friendly matches (0) (release period 48 hours)
15.01-20.01	Saturday-Thursday		1 (0)
12.02-17.02	Saturday-Thursday		1 (0)
02.03-09.03	Wednesday-Wednesday	Algarve Cup (0)	
18.03-27.03	Friday-Sunday	Preliminary Competition for AFC Women's Olympic Football Tournaments – Qualification Round 1 (*)	
31.03-05.04	Thursday-Tuesday		1 (0)
03.06-12.06	Friday-Sunday	Preliminary Competition for AFC Women's Olympic Football Tournaments – Qualification Round 2 (*)	
14.05-19.05	Saturday-Thursday		1 (0)
26.06-17.07	FIFA Women's World Cup Germany 2011™ (final tournament, release period 14 days)		
20.08-25.08	Saturday-Thursday		1 (0)
01.09-11.09	Thursday-Sunday	Preliminary Competition for AFC Women's Olympic Football Tournaments – Final Qualification Round (*)	
17.09-22.09	Saturday-Thursday		2 (*)
22.10-27.10	Saturday-Thursday		2 (*)
19.11-24.11	Saturday-Thursday		2 (*)