

TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1433

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FIFA women's international match calendar for the first half of 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

Following our circular no. 1390 dated 13 November 2013, we are pleased to provide you with the dates of the women's international match calendar for the first half of 2015 (see enclosure). The dates are based on the same principles as past women's international match calendars.

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). 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 (**December 2012** version) 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), which does not apply because the women's international match calendar does not contain double-dates in the sense of said provision. Clubs are obliged to release their players only for the dates reserved 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 the period of preparation before the match, which is laid down as follows:

- a) for friendly matches: 48 hours;
- b) for qualifying matches for an international tournament: four days (including the day of the match). The release period shall be 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 qualifying matches for an international tournament that are staged on a date reserved for friendly matches: 48 hours;
- d) for friendly matches that are staged on a date reserved for qualifying matches for an international tournament: 48 hours;

- e) for the final competition of an international tournament: 14 days before the opening match of the relevant final competition.


FIFA women's international match calendar for the second half of 2015, future years and new principles

Please be informed that we are still working on the FIFA women's international match calendar for the second half of 2015 and onwards. As already mentioned in our circular no. 1390, it is FIFA's intention to create a fully coordinated international calendar which supports the clubs and national teams in the very best manner, while taking into account the specific needs of the women's game. Further details will be communicated to the FIFA member associations and confederations in October/November 2014, after the Executive Committee has dealt with the matter and made a decision in this regard.

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

Yours faithfully,

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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 Women's World Cup
 - Organising Committee for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup
 - FIFA Players' Status Committee

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Year	FIFA-reserved dates	Official (*) or friendly matches (#)	Official matches (*) (release period 4/5 days) Friendly matches (#) (release period 48 hours)
2015	10-15 January	1	1 (#)
	7-12 February	1	1 (#)
	4-11 March	4	4 (#)
	4-9 April	2	2 (#)
	May	-	-
	6 June – 5 July	FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015™	14 days before the opening match of the relevant final tournament