

To the member associations

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## **Youth football development – support for domestic youth football leagues**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Youth football is one of the priorities for the development of our sport. In many member associations, however, the running of domestic youth football leagues is minimal. With this programme, we intend to assist the associations to be more active in this field and to have at least one proper youth competition in place that lasts for a period of between seven and eight months. If it is shorter, players (and coaches) cannot develop as they should and lack a consistent competitive environment.

The support will be tailored to the needs and specific situation of each member association and therefore a careful examination and evaluation of each application will be necessary. Each project will be supported for two years, including in the areas of consultancy, education, equipment (in the first year) and financial assistance.

Below you can read the key information on eligibility criteria for participation, the range of support offered and the application procedure, as well as deadlines:

### Criteria for participation

Associations wishing to benefit from the programme should meet the requirements by having:

- A well-established grassroots programme must exist that supplies the players who can participate in domestic youth football competitions;
- Well-defined youth competition objectives within the general strategic plan of the member association and for youth football in particular (existing or planned);
- A dedicated person responsible for youth football development under the technical director;
- Potential integration of school football competitions;
- An existing training and education system for the (youth) coaches;
- Available infrastructure for competitions and training;
- A sustainability plan for the competition after two years (post-FIFA support).

Priority is given to those member associations that are most in need of assistance.

### Range of support

After approval of the project, the following services will be available:

- Advice:
  - o Analysis of the current situation;
  - o Guidance on planning, age groups, numbers of teams, competition formats and organisation for new and existing competitions;
  - o Permanent monitoring during competitions;
  - o Support/research for fund-raising, marketing and sustainability solutions.
  
- Education:
  - o Coaching and refereeing courses;
  - o Talent identification;
  - o Teaching manual and DVD;
  - o Assistance to the technical director to further educate coaches.
  
- Financial support (total amount of max. USD 50,000 per project/year):
  - o Logistics involved in holding the competition;
  - o Assistance for participating teams;
  - o Purchase of supplementary equipment not provided by the FIFA kit.
  
- Equipment:
  - o Balls, bibs, cones, shirts, shorts, shin guards, boots, socks and goalkeeping equipment (max. 16 teams per league – 20 players incl. two goalkeepers per team).

Please note that only one project per member association and period of support will be considered for approval.

### Application procedure and deadline

All applications must be submitted by completing the enclosed application form and sending it to the FIFA Development Office (DO) in your region together with your strategic plan for youth football as mentioned under item 1.1 of this circular. The deadline for all applications for 2016 is 31 January 2016. Applications for further years have to be submitted by 30 November of the previous year (e.g. 30 November 2016 for 2017).

The technical development officers will analyse the applications and get back to you if they require any further details. As mentioned above, there are certain criteria to be respected and no approval can be given if they are not in place. In addition, we must inform you that the number of projects per year is limited and depends on the quality of the application as well as the level of needs of each member association.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the FIFA Development Office in your region.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



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- FIFA Executive Committee
- FIFA Development Offices

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- Application forms

## **Domestic youth football league support**

***To be completed by member associations***

Member association name:

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Technical Director:

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E-mail address:

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Responsible person for the project (under the Technical Director):

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E-mail address:

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### **Project description:**

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Age group:

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Number of teams:

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Number of players per team:

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Period of season (from/to):

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Concept of league (regional, national?)

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Are the players in the competition registered with the association? Yes/No – If not, how do you control the players' activities?

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Is there a coaching licensing system in place? Yes/No

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Number of referees for this age group / how are they certified?

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### **Additional information:**

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Is there a youth football development plan in place? Yes/No, if yes, please attach copy:

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Is there a grassroots programme in place? Yes/No, if yes, please attach copy:

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Budget in USD (please provide detailed budget as an attachment):

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Other partners involved (schools, government, private sector), please list and state their contribution:

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**Please note that FIFA will provide equipment for domestic youth leagues based on the number of players and teams per league. As described in the information letter, FIFA will provide equipment for a maximum of 16 teams with 20 players each.**

### **Delivery and customs restrictions:**

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Delivery address:

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Customs restrictions for deliveries:

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**Please enclose a full description of the league's format.**

**Additional notes:**

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Member association General Secretary

(Date)

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Technical Development Director

(Date)

## Domestic youth football league support: budget

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### Budget details

	Currency	Amount
Total amount requested from FIFA	USD	

### Budget forecast:

Please specify below the items to be covered by FIFA's funds and the amount per item (where applicable).

Add more lines for any items not mentioned.

Items (to be completed by the member association)	Cost – local currency	Cost – USD

### Total expenditure

### Payment planning:

Please specify when the FIFA funds are required for the project stages.

Payment type	Date	Amount (USD)	Reason
Advance payment:			
Balance payment:			

Member association General Secretary

(Date)

Technical Development Director

(Date)

# Application Form – Youth Football

To be completed by member associations

**Please use this form to apply for any programme described within the brochure “FIFA youth football development programmes and guidelines”**

Member association name:

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Contact person:

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E-mail address:

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Phone & fax:

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**Programme details:** Please specify the programme you are applying for as described in the brochure “FIFA youth football development programmes and guidelines”

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Programme name:

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Dates:

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Main objectives for application and project description:

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Level or age group (as applicable):

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Total number of participants expected:

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Number of players (if applicable):

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Number of teams (if applicable):

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Number of coaches (if applicable):

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Number of referees (if applicable):

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Number of regions (if applicable):

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**General information:**

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Venue(s):

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Customs restriction for material:

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Other partners involved:

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**Please provide any additional documentation or forms requested for this programme within the brochure "FIFA youth football development programmes and guidelines"**

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Member Association General Secretary (Date)

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Technical Development Director (Date)

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