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# **FOOTBALL LAW ANNUAL REVIEW** 3<sup>RD</sup> EDITION

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**22 & 23 MARCH 2021**



## TRANSPARENCY AND OPENNESS IN FOOTBALL LEGAL MATTERS

In 2019 FIFA organized the first ever **FIFA Football Law Annual Review (FLAR)**. This was a major breakthrough in a very long period of a restricted access to information and decisions of FIFA judicial bodies and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Transparency and openness in the activity, initiatives, decisions and challenges in the football matters is of paramount importance for FIFA today. At the same time, the contribution of opinions, views and proposals by the football stakeholders and lawyers working in football current legal and procedural football issues is key in strengthening football.

In 2020, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of FLAR were registered 330 participants for the event planned to take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak FLAR was actually only delivered online with more than 1000 viewers attending thorough presentations on regulations and legal decisions by FIFA and CAS football related cases.

Now with the **3<sup>rd</sup> edition of FLAR** establishes a tradition of **an annual global conference of the all football legal practitioners and football stakeholders** worldwide been updated on the recent developments and discussing the future challenges.

This **3<sup>rd</sup> edition of FLAR** will focus on top of the 2020 review on the most important decisions rendered by the FIFA judicial bodies and the CAS, as well as the new regulations passed by FIFA.

*It is time to share this information and present it to everyone!*



**PROGRAMME**  **MONDAY, 22 MARCH****DAY 1: "REVIEW 2020"**

- 14:00**    **Welcome**  
Gianni Infantino, FIFA President
- 14:15**    **FIFA Legal & Compliance Division: overview of 2020 and outlook for 2021**  
Emilio García Silvero, FIFA Chief Legal & Compliance Officer
- 14:45**    **Players' Status Department: Activity review and leading cases**  
Erika Montemor Ferreira, FIFA Head of Players' Status
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- 15:15**    **Break**
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- 15:30**    **CAS proceedings against FIFA decisions in 2020: leading cases (I)**  
Miguel Liétard Fernández-Palacios, FIFA Director of Litigation
- 16:15**    **CAS proceedings against FIFA decisions in 2020: leading cases (II)**  
Jaime Cambreleng, FIFA Head of Litigation
- 17:00**    **Disciplinary and ethics proceedings in 2020: main figures and cases**  
Mario Gallavotti, FIFA Director Independent Committees  
Carlos Schneider Salvadores, FIFA Head of Ethics (IC) and Disciplinary Department
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- 17:45**    **Break**
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- 18:00**    **Outside football law: Sports law matters in 2020**  
Sean Cottrell, CEO LawInSport
- 18:30**    **End of first day**

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**PROGRAMME**  **TUESDAY, 23 MARCH**

**DAY 2: "FOOTBALL REGULATIONS REFORM"**

- 14:00**     **The new FIFA eligibility rules to play for representative teams**  
James Kitching, FIFA Director of Football Regulatory
- 14:30**     **Minimum labour standards for female professional players**  
Marco Amezcua, FIFA Senior Legal Counsel

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- 15:00**     **Break**

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- 15:15**     **Enforcement of FIFA decisions: experiences with Art. 15 FDC and Art. 24bis RSTP**  
Molly Strachan, FIFA Legal Counsel
- 15:45**     **Reform on the transfer system: the challenges ahead**  
Ornella Desirée Bellia, FIFA Head of Professional Football
- 16:15**     **New rules for Amateur International Transfers**  
Jacques Blondin, FIFA Head of Regulatory Enforcement

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- 16:45**     **Break**

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- 17:00**     **The new rules for employment of coaches**  
Americo Espallargas, FIFA Senior Legal Counsel
- 17:30**     **Round table: what should FIFA do better?**  
Moderator: Theodore Giannikos, FIFA Director of Legal Strategic Projects

  - Nan Sato, Sports lawyer
  - Jan Råker, CAS arbitrator
  - Georgi Gradev, Sports law counsel
  - Ariel Reck, Sports lawyer
  - Patricia Moyersoen, AIAF President
- 18:45**     **Conclusions**  
Alasdair Bell, FIFA Deputy General Secretary (Administration)

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## ATTEND ONLINE ON FIFA.COM

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the FLAR** will take place **only virtually**, due to the Covid-19 outbreak and the international restrictions in place.

Attendance at this on-line version of the FIFA Football Law Annual Review is open to everyone interested. Recommended for executives and administration of FIFA member associations, confederations, leagues, clubs, players' unions, lawyers active or interested to be become active in football issues.

All presentations will be given in English, with simultaneous interpreting into Spanish and French.

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