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CLEARING HOUSE

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THE 11 GOALS



1 | Modernise the football regulatory framework

2 | Grow revenues sustainability for further reinvestment in football

3 | Increase the efficiency and efficacy of the organisation

4 | Ensure the success of our iconic competitions

5 | Globalise our competitions

6 | Increase global competitiveness

7 | Maximise our impact on global football development

8 | Accelerate the growth of women's football

9 | Harness technology in football

10 | Protect positive values in football

11 | Impact society through the power of football

● *Football governance*

● *Corporate governance & administration*

● *Competition & events*

● *Football development, social responsibility & education*

What is the objective of the Clearing House?



On 26 October 2018, the FIFA Council endorsed the **first reform package of the transfer system** recommended by the FIFA Football Stakeholders Committee, which included:



Creation of a clearing house to process transfers with the aim of protecting the integrity of football and avoiding fraudulent conduct



Mandatory introduction by all MAs of an electronic player registration system and an electronic transfer system at national level

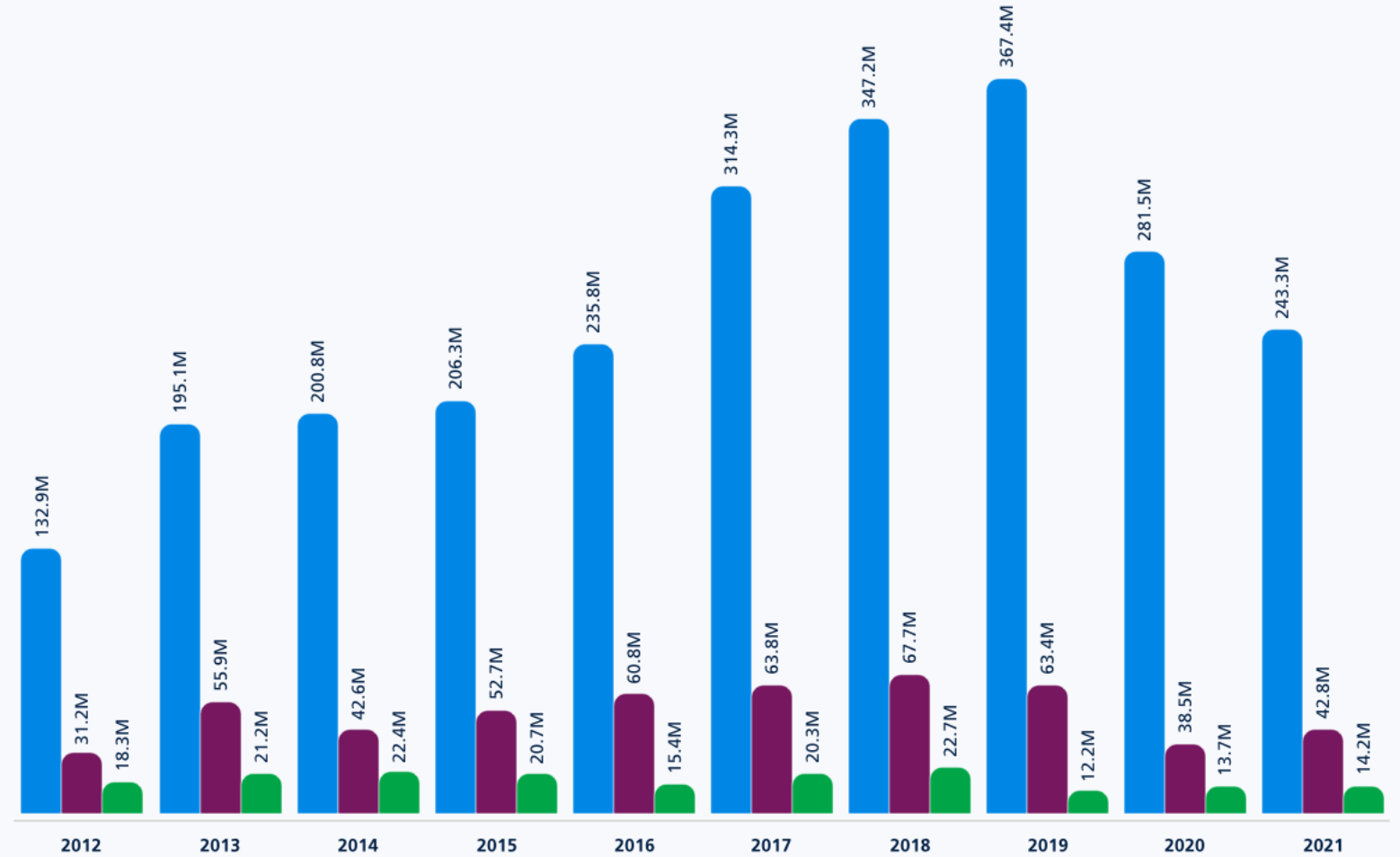
THE OBJECTIVE

The objective of the FIFA Clearing House (FCH) is to **centralise, process and automate payments between clubs**, in a first step related to **training rewards payments** (training compensation and solidarity contribution), with the vision to potentially expand to agent fees and transfer fees in the future.

Why do we need a FIFA Clearing House?

- To cover the gap between training rewards due and actually paid (only one fifth of those).
 - With the FCH, FIFA has shifted from a claims system to automatic entitlement.

- To promote integrity and financial transparency, by conducting a risk and compliance due diligence on clubs and transactions before any payments are processed, assessing adequacy to anti-money laundering and other financial regulation.



● Solidary contribution - expected (USD)

● Solidary contribution - actual (USD)

● Training compensation - actual (USD)

LAST YEAR

Highlights of the project

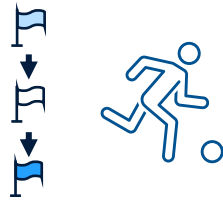
- > FIFA Clearing House licence to operate as a payment institution: granted by ACPR (French authorities) on 23 September 2022
- > FIFA Clearing House Regulations approved by the FIFA Council on 22 October 2022
- > Go-live of the FIFA Clearing House on **16 November 2022**:
 - Transfers or registrations of players having occurred before 16 November 2022 are processed and paid via the “old” claims system (including if instalments are paid after that date)
 - Transfer or registrations of players occurring as of 16 November 2022 are processed and paid via the Clearing House system
- > Communication and education: webinars with all MAs, clubs and main stakeholders; launch of the website: explanatory notes, FAQ, videos; helpdesk, FCH newsletter, TMS proof of payment communication; academic papers
- > 24,000+ EPPs generated until now; thousands of EPP and Allocation Statements determinations issued and sent to parties, USD million 120 sent to FCH; more than USD 35 million payments processed already

CLEARING HOUSE

Three - step process

STEP 1

IDENTIFICATION OF TRAINING REWARD TRIGGER



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Registration of the player at training MAs

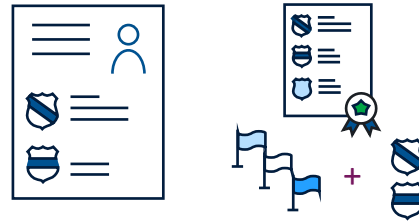
ART. 5, 6 & 7

in accordance with RSTP art. 20 & 21

Identification of training reward trigger

STEP 2

ELECTRONIC PLAYER PASSPORT (EPP) PROCESS



ART. 8

With registration information from all relevant MAs
Creation of provisional EPP

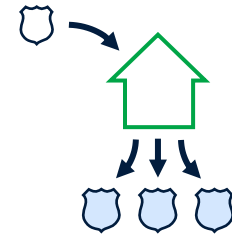
ART. 9 & 10

With participation by Member Associations and relevant clubs

- Review of Electronic Player Passport
- Evaluation of requests and determination

STEP 3

DISTRIBUTION OF TRAINING REWARDS THROUGH FIFA CLEARING HOUSE



ART. 11 & 12

Generation of Allocation Statement

ART.13 to ART.16

in accordance with RSTP art. 20 & 21

Distribution of payments through the FIFA Clearing House



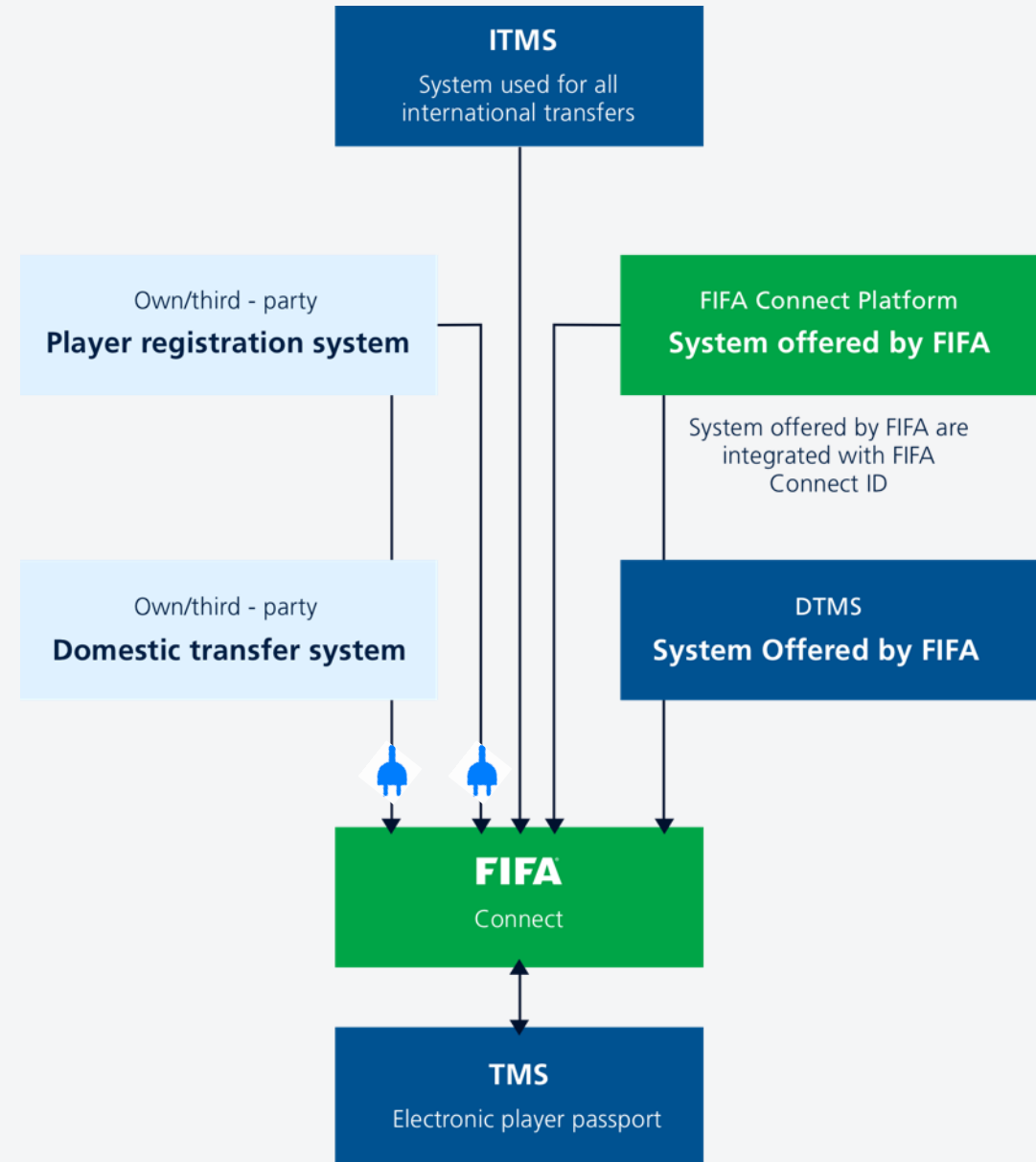
STEP 1

Identification of training reward trigger

A reminder

For FIFA to be able to create an EPP, every member association must:

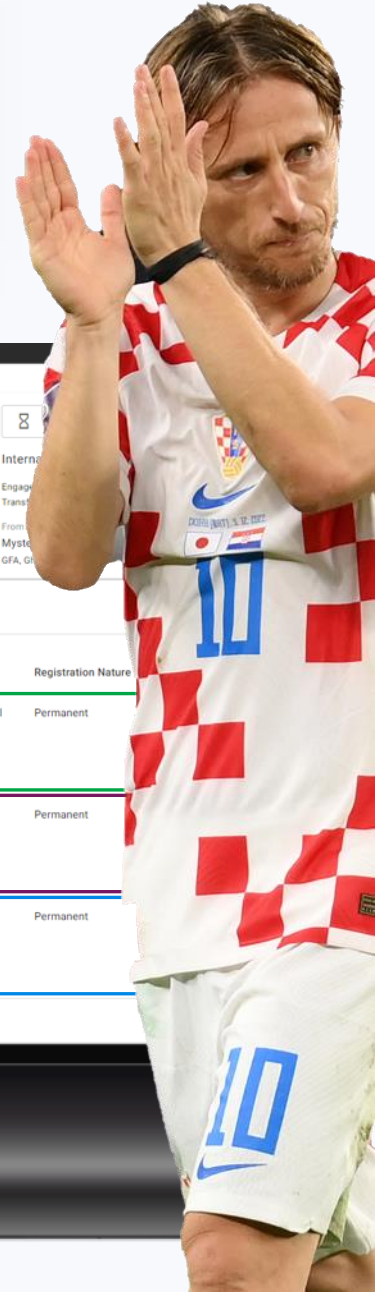
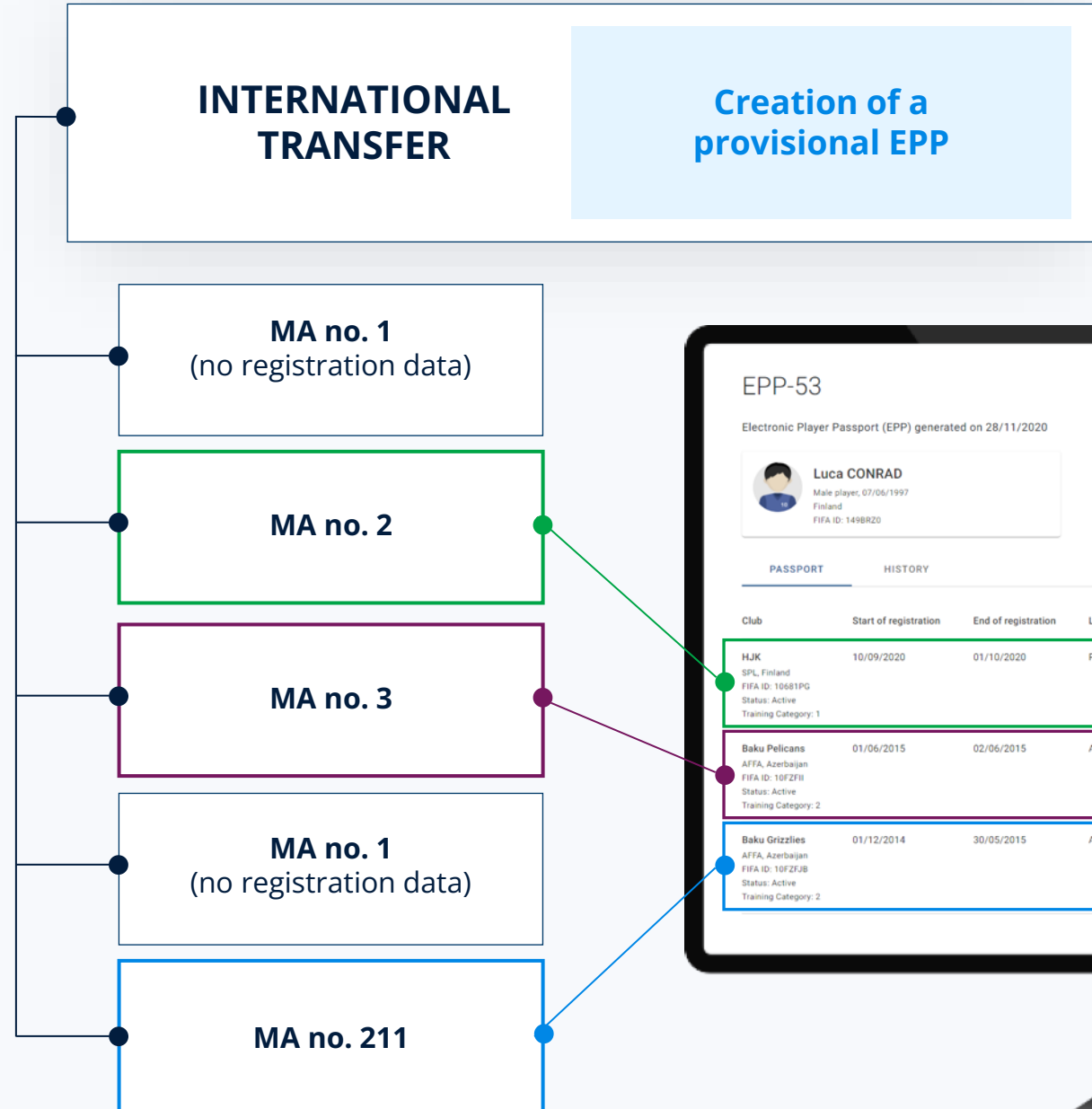
- 1 Ensure **ITMS** is used for all international transfers
- 2 Implement an **electronic player registration system**
 - Implement an own/third-party system
 - Implement the system offered by FIFA (i.e. FIFA Connect Platform)
- 3 Implement an **electronic domestic transfer system**
 - Implement an own/third- party system
 - Implement the system offered by FIFA (i.e. DTMS)
- 4 Integrate those electronic systems with **FIFA Connect ID**



What happens when an EPP is created ?

When a potential training rewards trigger is identified, all MAs' electronic player registration systems that are integrated with FIFA Connect ID and that have registration data for this player will automatically send this data to populate the provisional EPP.

In this example, MA no. 2, MA no. 3 and MA no. 211 are providing information automatically.





STEP 2

Electronic player passport (EPP) process

The EPP review process

1. PROVISIONAL EPP

Goal is for MAs to confirm their participation

- Ten days inspection period
- EPP generated automatically
- MAs may request to be added to the EPP review process
- Assessment by FIFA and release for review (after inspection)

2. REVIEW BY MAS & CLUBS

Goal is for MAs to confirm registration information and clubs to provide documentation

- Review process for ten days
- MAs review and request amendments to registration information
- New, former and training clubs provide relevant documentation

3. VALIDATION BY FIFA

Goal is for the FIFA general secretariat to assess and validate the information provided

- Evaluation of requests and determination by the FIFA general secretariat
- Possible request by FIFA to clubs and MAs on additional information/ documentation
- Referral of complex cases to DRC for decision

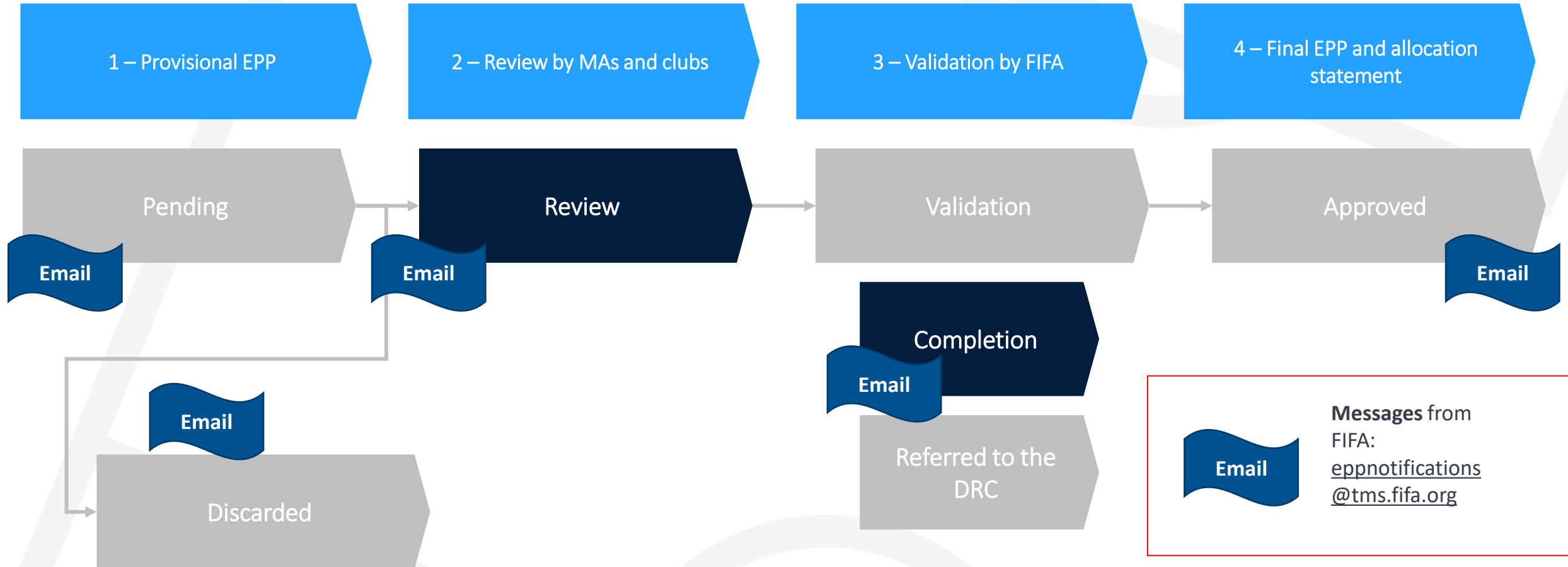
4. FINAL EPP AND ALLOCATION STATEMENT

Goal is to make the determinations of entitlement and payments related to the training reward trigger

- Final EPP and Allocation Statement communicated to participating parties

OVERVIEW

Status of an EPP in TMS



Amendment of registration information in EPP

Participating MAs can request amendment of registration information in EPP review process

Registration information is gathered from NRSs through FIFA Connect interface when an EPP is generated. During the **review phase (review and completion status)**, MAs may request to amend:

- Registration dates
- Training category
- Status (Professional/amateur)
- Type of registration (permanent/loan)

To request these amendments, evidence must be provided (proof of registration, employment contract or ITC).

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Club name	Registration start	Registration end	Status	Type	Age of player
Juniors OÖ FC Free-text club ÖFB, Austria FIFA ID: 9K7QU29 Status: Active Training category: 4	10/02/2021	11/08/2021	Professional	On loan	21 - 21
Gamba Osaka JFA, Japan FIFA ID: 10BZN98 Status: Active Training category: 2	01/02/2019	25/07/2019	Professional	Permanent	19 - 19
Gamba Osaka	01/02/2018	31/01/2019	Professional	Permanent	18 - 19

2

Edit player passport

Club name: Juniors OÖ FC
 Association, Country: ÖFB, Austria
 FIFA club ID: 9K7QU29
 Type: Club
 Status: Inactive
 Age of player: 21 - 21

Training category: Training category 4
 Registration start: 10/2/2021
 Registration end: 11/8/2021

Level: Professional Amateur
 Nature of registration: Permanent On loan

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ITC (optional): Drop files to attach or click to browse
 Proof of registration: Drop files to attach or click to browse
 Employment contract: Drop files to attach or click to browse

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Submission of waivers of training rewards

New club must provide waivers of training rewards in the EPP review process

During the review phase (review and completion status), the new club of the player may upload waivers provided by the training club.

- A waiver must be **valid, clear and unequivocal** between the new club and the concerned training club(s).
- FIFA general secretariat will **review the waiver and may reject it**, if it determines that the waiver is not valid.
- The training club in question may review the waiver and **challenge its validity** in the EPP review process.
- The FIFA general secretariat will **inform** the training club or its MA (if the training clubs does not participate in TMS) about new waivers uploaded in the EPP with a message.

In accordance with FCHRs, the obligation to pay training rewards is always on the new club (not valid to pass to former club or 50/50, in strict application of RSTP)

The right to receive is for the training clubs for the time the player was registered with them, even in cases where the player was loaned (loan jurisprudence).

In cases of both SC and TC, TC due to the former club is deemed included in the transfer fee unless explicitly excluded in the transfer agreement (jurisprudence and considered by the EPP system).

EPP-2830

Electronic player passport (EPP) generated on 05/04/2022

Review
Until 15/04/2022

International transfer
Engage against payment, professional
Transfer ID: 294815

From: Gamba Osaka (JFA, Japan) To: LASK Linz (ÖFB, Austria)

PlayerPassport EPP2079
Male player, 28/07/2000
Japan
FIFA ID: J20GP4Q

PASSPORT HISTORY MESSAGES NOTES

Club	Start of registration	End of registration	Level	Nature of registration	Age of player
LASK Linz ÖFB, Austria FIFA ID: 145J02D Status: Active Training category: 2	12/08/2021	currently registered	Professional	Permanent	21
Juniors 00 FC ÖFB, Austria FIFA ID: 9K7QU29 Status: Active Training category: 4	10/02/2021	11/08/2021	Professional	On loan	21 - 21

UPLOAD WAIVER

UPLOAD EXEMPTION

Review of waivers of training rewards

Training club challenges a waiver provided by the new club



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EPP-3283

⌘ Review

Electronic player passport (EPP) generated on 09/10/2022

Kowalski FIFATHREE
Male player, 01/12/2001
Poland
FIFA ID: 18X82B8

International transfer

Engage out of contract free of payment, professional
Transfer ID: 294846

From	To
Legia Warszawa Spółka Akcyjna PZPN, Poland	FC St Gallen SFV/ASF, Switzerland

PASSPORT
HISTORY
MESSAGES
NOTES

Club	Start of registration	End of registration	Level	Nature of registration	Age of player
Legia Warszawa Spółka Akcyjna PZPN, Poland FIFA ID: 10K9AJH Status: Active Training category: 3	25/08/2022	09/10/2022	Professional	Permanent	21 - 21

Document uploads

📄 Waiver - TEST DOCUMENT.pdf

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Upload waiver challenge

Waiver provided by

Club name	FC St Gallen
Association, Country	SFV/ASF, Switzerland
FIFA club ID	1448Z2A

Waiver refers to

Club name	Legia Warszawa Spółka Akcyjna
Association, Country	PZPN, Poland
FIFA club ID	10K9AJH
Type	Club
Status	Active
Age of player	21 - 21
Training category	Training category 3
Registration starts	25/08/2022
Registration ends	09/10/2022
Level	Professional
Nature of registration	Permanent

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Waiver challenge

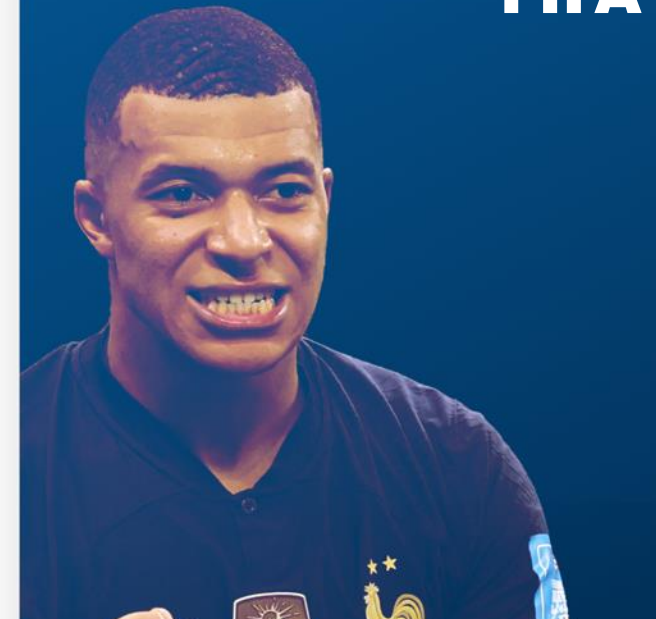
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Submission of contract offer

Former club provides contract offer for entitlement to TC (only EU/EEA)



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EPP-2923

Electronic player passport (EPP) generated on 19/05/2022

⌚ Review
 Until 18/06/2022

NEKTARIOS PAPA KONSTANTINOU

Male player, 27/06/2003
Greece
FIFA ID: 123DYA3

First professional registration

First registration as professional player
Registration ID: 2130

Current club
PAE OLYMPIAKOS
HFF, Greece

PASSPORT HISTORY MESSAGES NOTES

Club	Start of registration	End of registration	Level	Nature of registration	Age of player
NK Vrapče HNS, Croatia FIFA ID: 107TYBG Status: Active Training category: 4	07/09/2005	24/01/2018	Amateur	Permanent	2 - 15

✎ EDIT REGISTRATION
📎 UPLOAD CONTRACT OFFER
📎 UPLOAD EXEMPTION OF CONTRACT OFFER

[+ ADD REGISTRATION](#)

Electronic player passport based on

2

Document upload - contract offer and delivery confirmation

Club name	NK Vrapče
Association, Country	HNS, Croatia
FIFA club ID	107TYBG
Type	Club
Status	Active
Age of player	2 - 15

Document upload

Contract offer	Delivery confirmation
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EPP determination & Allocation Statement

A comparison between these two important documents

EPP DETERMINATION

- Only one per trigger event (IT, DT or FPR)
- FIFA decision as to any entitlement to Training Compensation or Solidarity Contribution

ALLOCATION STATEMENT (AS)

- For Training Compensation, only one AS generated at the same time as EPP determination
- For Solidarity Contribution, there can be multiple AS. Each one is generated when the relevant proof of payment is uploaded in TMS.



Example EPP ID:
16589



Example AS ID:
TC-372

Proof of payments

- Every time a payment from the new club to the previous club is due, the information needs to be declared to FIFA within **30 days** (article 12.1 RSTP: fairly “old” provision with “new” relevance)
- Every proof of payment uploaded will trigger, if applicable, the Allocation Statement and the payment process by the FCH
- This applies to both international and domestic transfers that include a transfer compensation
 - The proof of payment must be declared using the same method as the relevant transfer declaration / instruction
- Clubs and MAs must be diligent in timely uploading the proof and FIFA Compliance is proactively monitoring the status of each transfer, to protect the interests of training clubs.

- The proof of payment shall in principle show a payment of 95% of the agreed transfer fee, following Annexe 5 RSTP and article 11 FCHR
- The new club retains 5% of the transfer fee. The EPP/CH process assigns the due SC to the entitled parties
- If less than 5% was assigned, the new club pays the balance to the former club as part of the transfer fee: **recent TMS Communication on proof of payments**

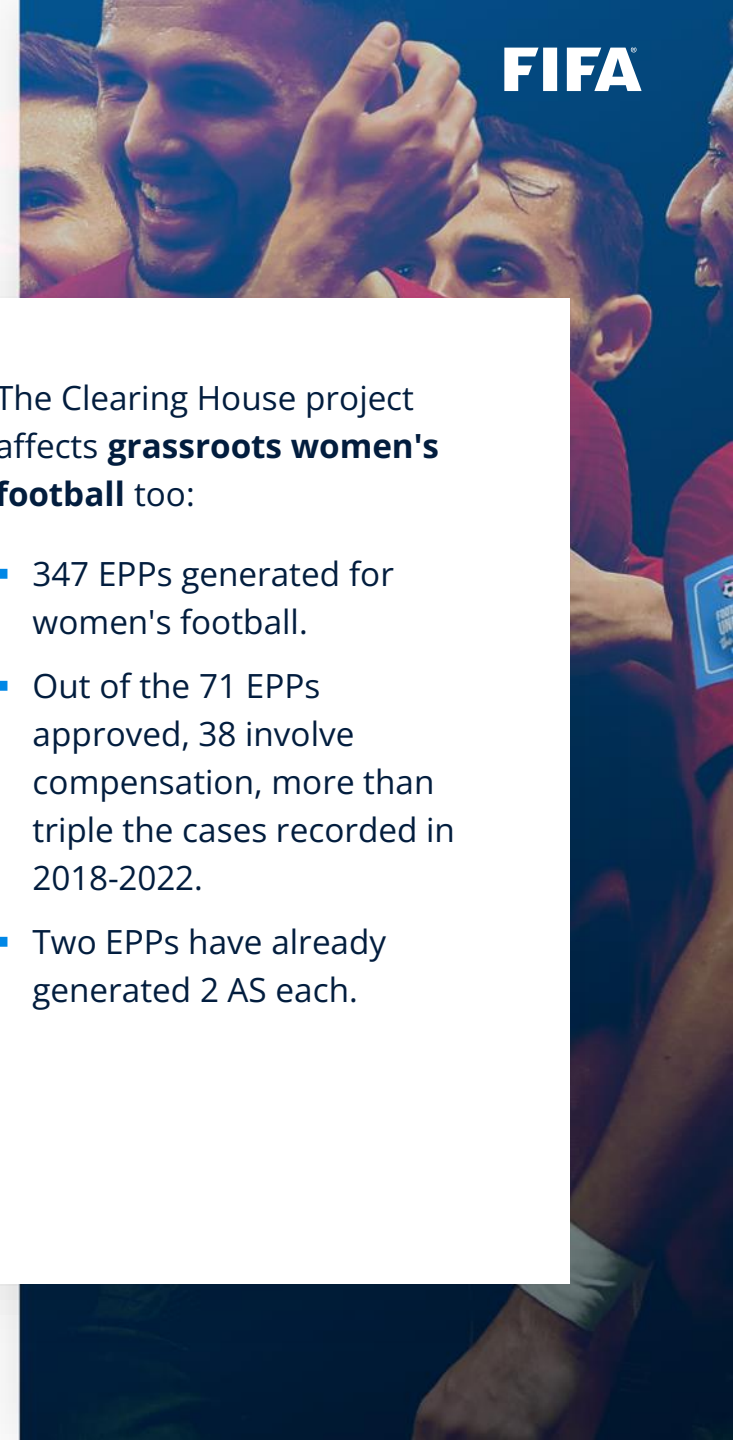
APPROACH:

The system considers any amount declared in the proof of payment **always as 95%**.

Highlights FIFA Clearing House

- Very good performance of TMS system: total **18,747** EPPs generated in 11 months of operations
- Increased participation of clubs and MAs: overall quality of the information in EPPs from initial 39% to current **71,5%**
- **200 MAs are integrated to FIFA Connect ID** (11 are not)
- **153** MAs have participated in at least one EPP; 54 MAs have participated in more than 100 EPPs
- **122** MAs have declared the trigger in at least one EPP; 49 MAs have declared over 100 triggers
- Most common trigger is FPR (**43.4%**), followed by international transfers (**32.1%**) and lastly domestic transfers (**24.5%**)
- **More than 50%** EPPs are discarded in the initial stages; when filtered out, **77.3%** of “valid” EPPs are international transfers
- **5,421** EPP decisions passed, **2,824** AS, **USD million 120** allocated to date
- **82%** of EPPs are solved in less than 120 days
- 4,000+ clubs sent to FCH for assessment
- An average AS has one new club, 3 training clubs and USD **36.4k**
- **High %** of cases being escalated for failure in T&Cs and CIFs; **USD million 35** already paid out by FCH

FCH: some stories



The **first training rewards payment** processed through the FCH was performed on 8 June 2023 to SC Malesherbois (French amateur club – 7th division). The amateur club received more than its annual budget in training rewards (SC EUR 160K).

The **highest training rewards entitlements** for a single EPP amounts to 1.3M for SC and 550k for TC.

High numbers of stakeholders across regions are involved.

- There have been increasing cross-confederation EPPs involving entitlements.
- It is not uncommon to see cases involving up to 5 MAs (such as EPP-17321, with 5 big UEFA MAs: BEL; FRA; ENG; GER; NED).
- Some Allocation Statements have included up to 10 training clubs from 3 different member associations (AS-34).

The Clearing House project affects **grassroots women's football** too:

- 347 EPPs generated for women's football.
- Out of the 71 EPPs approved, 38 involve compensation, more than triple the cases recorded in 2018-2022.
- Two EPPs have already generated 2 AS each.

A photograph of Lionel Messi, an Argentine professional footballer, is shown on the left side of the image. He is wearing his white and light blue striped Argentina national team jersey, with the number "10" visible on the back. He has a beard and is smiling broadly, with his right fist clenched in a celebratory gesture. His left arm is also visible, showing extensive tattoos. The background behind him is a dark blue gradient with faint white outlines of a soccer field and a soccer ball.

STEP 3

Distribution of training rewards
through FIFA Clearing House

FIFA & FIFA Clearing House SAS



FIFA

- Responsible for definition, implementation and enforcement of the FIFA Clearing House Regulations
- Integration of TMS with all MA national registration and domestic transfer systems
- Management of the EPP process from trigger to generation of an EPP determination and Allocation Statement
- Oversight of the FIFA Clearing House SAS
- Escalation to FIFA Disciplinary for possible sanctions



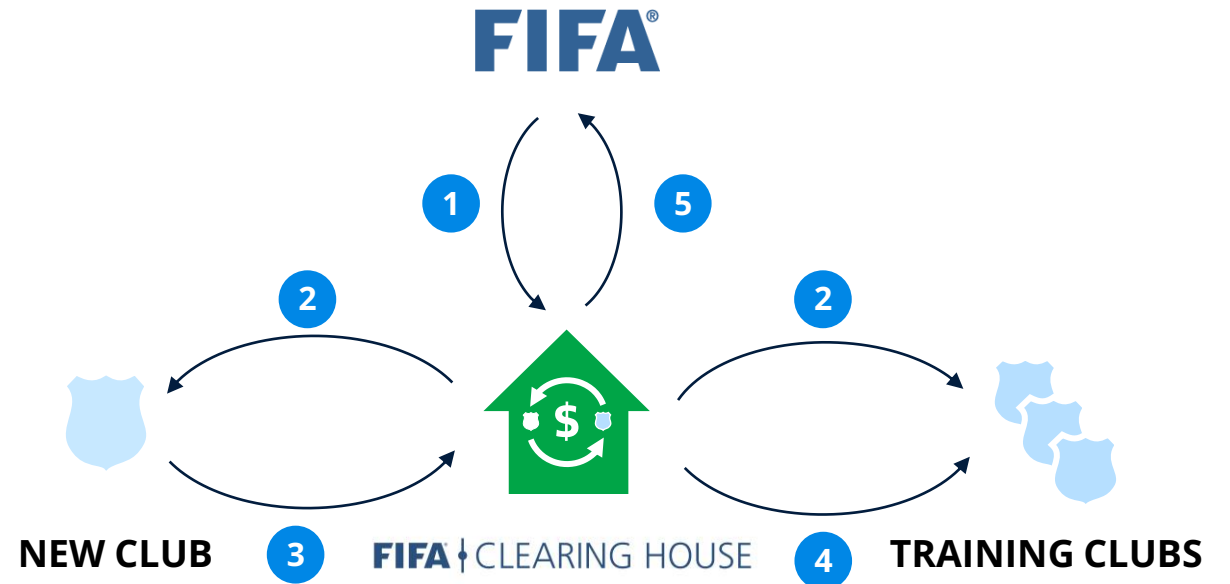
FIFA CLEARING HOUSE SAS

- Separate legal entity but full subsidiary of FIFA.
- Regulated payment institution authorised by the 'Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution' (ACPR)
- Based in Paris, France
- Responsible for processing the payments defined in each Allocation Statement
- To perform transactions on behalf of clubs, the FCH must conduct due diligence on its clients (clubs and MAs), following international legislation and AML-CTF regulations in France.



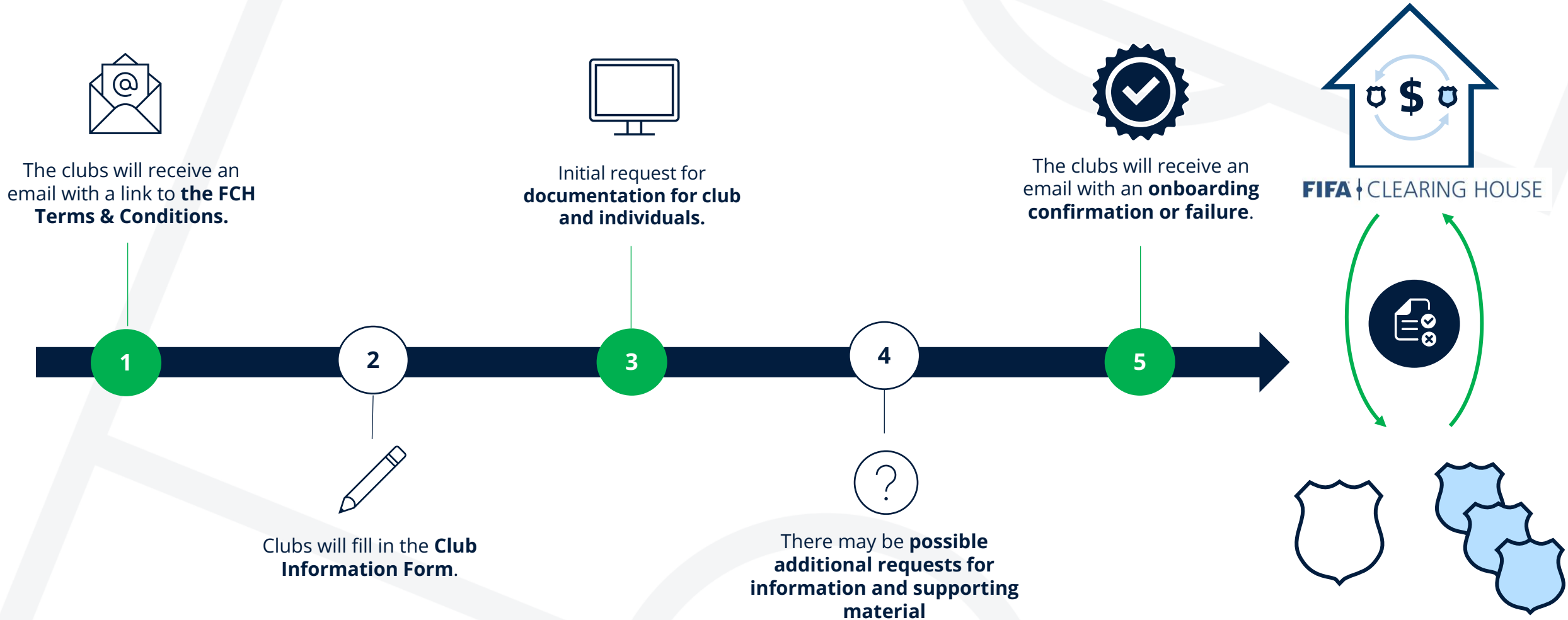
Overview of interactions between FIFA and FCH

1. Communication of Allocation Statement by FIFA to FCH for payments processing
2. Compliance assessment of all parties involved performed by FCH
3. New club sends payment to FCH
4. FCH distributes the funds to the relevant training clubs
5. Reporting to FIFA on data and statistics, as well as infringements of the FCH Regulations, **for FIFA to sanction non-compliant clubs and MAs**



OVERVIEW OF ONBOARDING

A 5 steps process



FCH: document collection

LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT

MANDATORY INFORMATION

CLUB



- **Trade register certificate or certificate of incorporation** or equivalent
- **Articles of association or Memorandum** or equivalent (*)
- **Bank statement** (latest bank statement)
- **Latest Financial Statements** (latest fiscal year) (*)
- **Organizational charts** (*)

MANDATORY INFORMATION

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE



Copy of valid Passport or ID

For countries outside the EEA, this document must be certified through a reliable and acceptable third party: notary, lawyer, national post office, official passport chips certificate, etc.

MANDATORY INFORMATION

UBO(s)



Extract of the UBO register

If unavailable (for countries outside the EU) any official document mentioning name, surname, date and place of birth (e.g. annual report, shareholder register) or a copy of valid Passport or ID.

() For those documents, in addition to the original copy please provide a translation in one of the three FIFA official languages (English, Spanish and French) if not originally issued in those languages*

Compliance assessment

- The FCH is a licensed payment service provider. As such it is required to abide by relevant EU and French legislation, particularly regarding anti-money-laundering (AML) laws.
- The compliance assessment will be performed on all parties to a transaction.
- No money will be requested or paid until the relevant parties have passed the compliance assessment.
- Compliance assessments are performed on a transactional basis, i.e. each transaction is treated individually and a compliance pass or fail for one transaction does not mean the club will pass or fail the compliance assessment for a different transaction.

Three parts to the compliance assessment

1**RISK ASSESSMENT**

High, medium or low (industry, geography, screening)

**2****DUE DILIGENCE****3****ACCEPTANCE / REJECTION**

Articles 15 - 16 FCHR

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Payment process

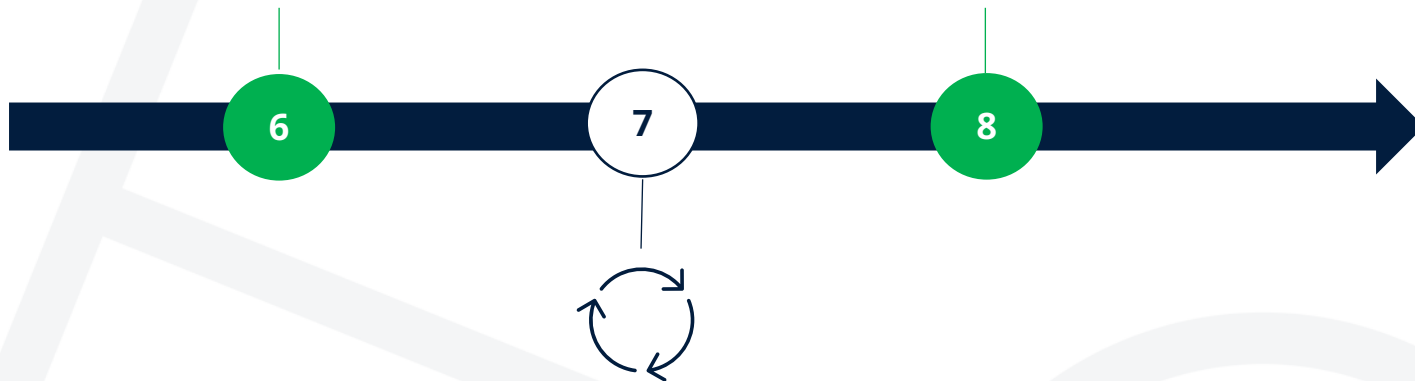
Processing payments through the FCH platform



After the relevant parties have passed the compliance assessment, the New Club will receive a **Payment Notification** from the FCH via a link, with the amounts to be paid, as well as in which currency and to what account.



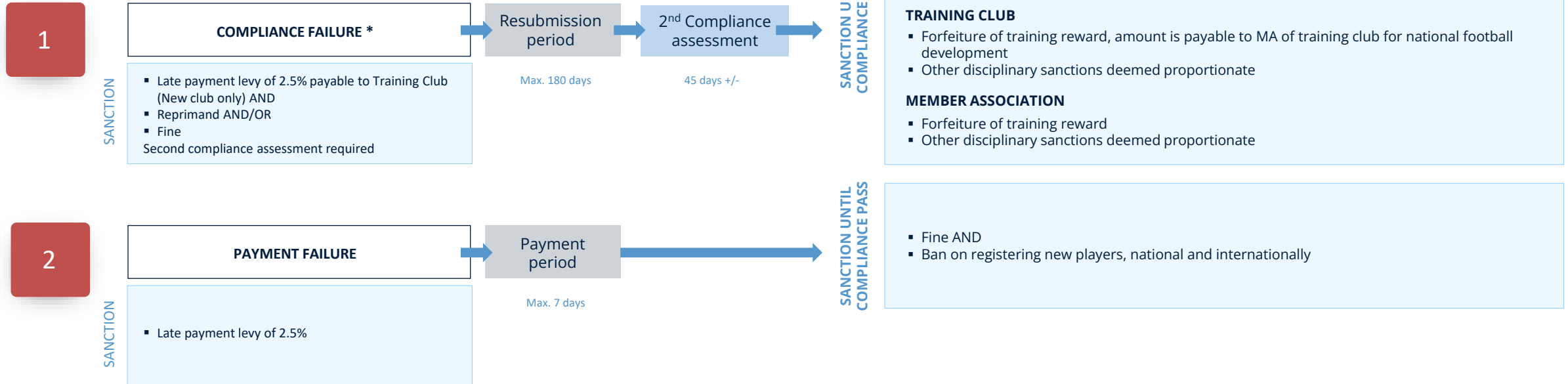
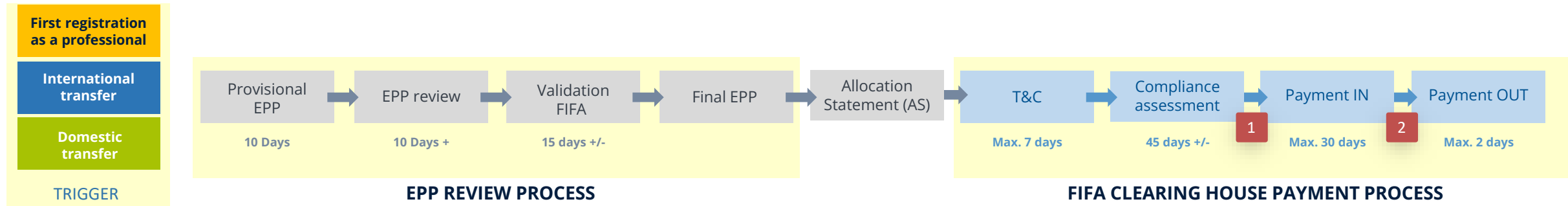
Information on the case, such as processing of the full payment and other anonymous statistics, will be sent to the FIFA administration for **reporting** purposes.



Once the FCH receives the amount from the New Club in the indicated currency, it will distribute it to the Training Clubs and will send a **Distribution Statement** indicating the amount they should receive.

PAYMENTS PROCESSED!

Overall process and status



* Transitory provision: For first compliance failures before 31 December 2023 the new club should pay the training club directly (excluding 2.5% levy) unless training club has also failed the compliance assessment.

Conclusions & challenges

Overall

Good performance of the EPP system & examples of how initial FCH objectives are achieved

Waivers

High % of cases with waivers as a reason for lack of distribution of training rewards in the past

Change in mindset already observed but still work to be done

- Clubs and MAs getting used to TMS & FCH new processes and platforms
- Practice aligned with CH objectives (e.g. 5% deducted from transfer fees, responsibility to pay not ceded)
- TMS compliance issues identified in an automatic way (e.g. upload of proof of payment, club categorization by MAs)

Potential risks & challenges

- Compliance assessment may slow down payment processing: reputational and operational risks
- Initial challenges with FCH IT systems, requirements and notifications

Strike the right balances

- New role of FIFA administration as initiators, “coaches” of the parties and decision body
- EPP (and FCH) process efficient/complete, automation/parties’ right to be heard & regulatory obligations
- MA & clubs education vs. potential sanctions

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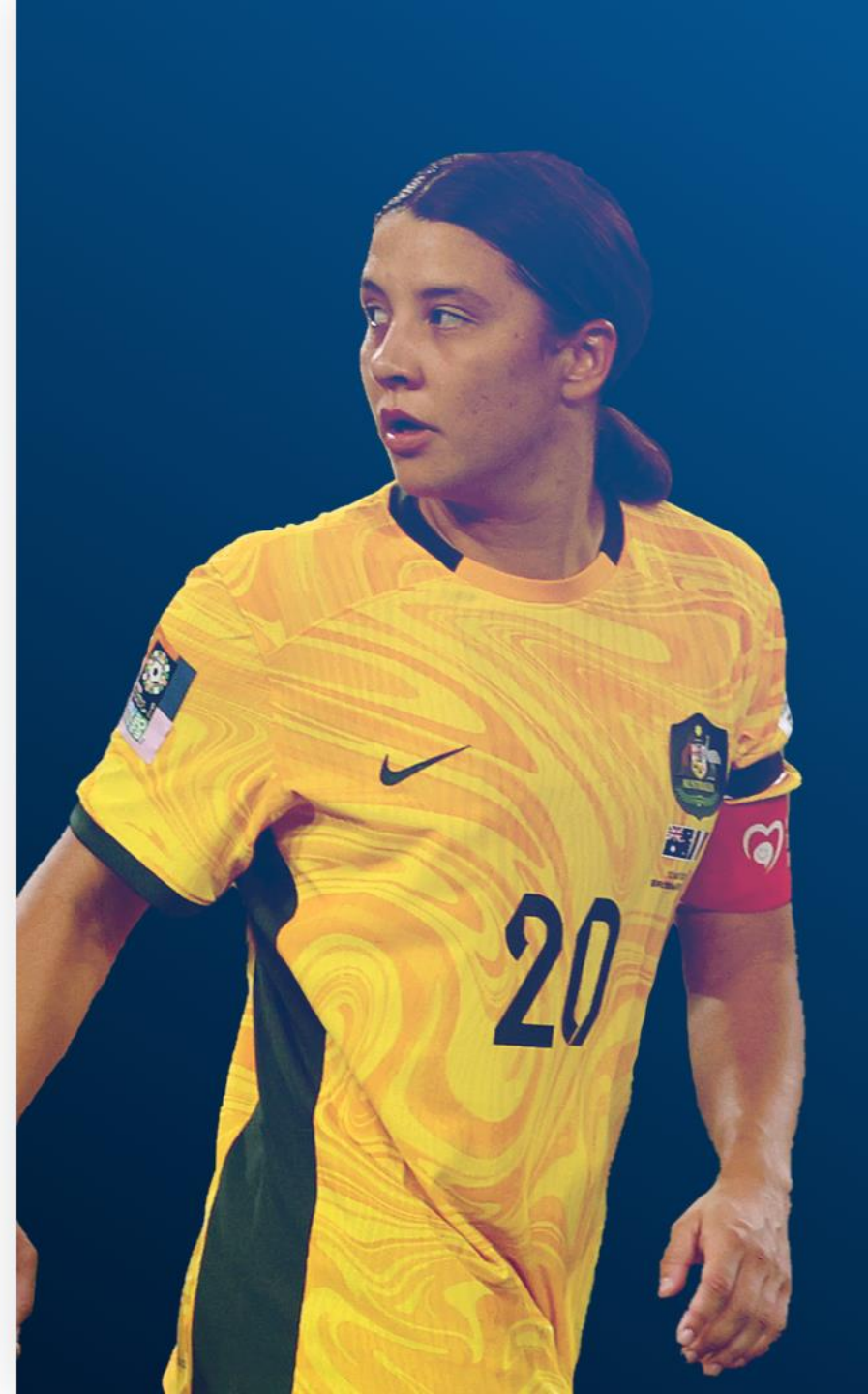
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