

# FIFA Club Licensing

## FAQ

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## 1. What is the FIFA Club Licensing System?

The FIFA Club Licensing System raises the level of club football both on and off the pitch and represents a long term development tool for FIFA Confederations and Member Associations. It is a system that sets criteria that clubs must meet to ensure participation. The FIFA Club Licensing System is a top priority for the 2015-2018 cycle and represents a major pillar of football development, both at the confederation and national level.

## 2. What are FIFA's Club Licensing Regulations?

The FIFA Club Licensing Regulations are a basic working document for Confederations and Member Associations that is to be transformed into Confederation and National club licensing regulations that will incorporate minimum requirements and guidelines.

## 3. What are the key objectives of FIFA's Club Licensing Regulations?

The objective of FIFA's Club Licensing Regulations is to set the minimum criteria to be integrated into national club licensing regulations in order to:

- Safeguard the credibility and integrity of club competitions
- Improve the level of professionalism within the football family
- Promote sporting values in accordance with the principles of fair play, as well as safe and secure match environments
- Promote transparency in the finances of clubs
- Promote transparency in the ownerships of clubs
- Promote transparency in the control of clubs

## 4. What are the five key criteria of FIFA's Club Licensing Regulations?

- Sporting (e.g. clubs must have a youth development programme)
- Personnel and administrative (e.g. clubs must have a General Manager)
- Financial (e.g. clubs must have audited annual financial statements)
- Infrastructure (e.g. clubs must have a stadium available to host competitions)
- Legal (e.g. clubs must have statutes)

## 5. What's the scope and how will FIFA's Club Licensing Regulations be implemented?

The implementation of FIFA's Club Licensing System has to be seen as a long-term process. At the initial stage, the System is to be implemented at a Confederation level, with the relevant Member Associations following at a later stage. While the AFC, CONCACAF and

UEFA have already established a club licensing system, FIFA is working with CAF, CONMEBOL and OFC regions to ensure that the FIFA Club Licensing System operates in all corners of world football.

**6. How does FIFA's Club Licensing System address the different state of development of club football around the world?**

Implementation of the FIFA Club Licensing System requires fundamental principles to be established globally, but is flexible so that each Confederation can adapt their own system to the regional specificities.

**7. Is there a deadline for the worldwide implementation of FIFA's Club Licensing Regulations?**

FIFA plans to conclude worldwide implementation of the FIFA Club Licensing System in 2016.