



FFA Circular

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TO THE MEMBERS OF FFA

REGISTRATION PERIODS 2020/2021

The purpose of this circular is to provide an update regarding the Registration Periods for professional competitions for male and female players for the 2020/21 Seasons.

FIFA's Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (**RSTP**) provide that each Member Association must set two (2) registration periods for the registration of all players in professional competitions within the jurisdiction of that Member Association. These dates must be entered in the FIFA Transfer Matching System (**TMS**), which is the platform that facilitates the transfer of players' registrations between FIFA Member Associations.

Consistent with the RSTP, the FFA's National Registration Regulations (**NRRs**) require that all players in a professional competition, that is, a competition in which there is at least one (1) professional player registered, must be registered during one (1) of the two (2) Registration Periods set by FFA.

FIFA's recent amendments to its RSTP provide certain discretions in the context of COVID-19. FIFA has also published COVID-19 Football Regulatory Issues Guidelines and associated FAQs (**FIFA Guidelines**) which provide that where a season has been impacted by COVID-19, a Member Association may apply to FIFA to 'split' the first Registration Period.

FFA has applied successfully to 'split' the first male and female Registration Periods for the 2020/21 Seasons, which are now outlined in Annexure A to this letter.

This will partially address a number of the practical and regulatory challenges that arise due to a lack of alignment between the professional leagues and Member Federation competitions, including FFA's ongoing review and reform of the domestic transfer system.

Please note that due to a technical limitation, Registration Period 1(b) for both males and females will not be visible in the TMS. FIFA has indicated however, that players may be registered during this time and International Transfer Certificates will be able to be requested via the TMS, where necessary.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Johnson".

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ANNEXURE A

2020/21 Registration Periods

2020/21 Male Registration Periods

Registration Period 1(a):	8 November 2020 to 3 January 2021
Registration Period 1(b):	16 February 2021 to 15 March 2021
Registration Period 2:	12 April 2021 to 10 May 2021

2020/21 Female Registration Periods

Registration Period 1(a):	15 November 2020 to 9 January 2021
Registration Period 1(b):	31 March 2021 to 27 April 2021
Registration Period 2:	21 June 2021 to 19 July 2021