

TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1228

Zurich, 21 June 2010
SG/oon**International match calendar – amended dates**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that on the occasion of its recent meeting held in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 6-7 June 2010, the FIFA Executive Committee decided, on the basis of art. 77 of the FIFA Statutes, to include the following additional dates in the international match calendar:

- Wednesday, 1 June 2011: date for friendly matches
- Friday to Tuesday, 1 to 5 June 2012: period for two qualifying matches for international tournaments
- Friday to Tuesday, 8 to 12 June 2012: period for two qualifying matches for international tournaments
- Tuesday, 4 June 2013: date for friendly matches
- Friday to Tuesday, 14 to 18 June 2013: period for two qualifying matches for international tournaments

Please find enclosed the updated international match calendar for the years 2010 to 2014, comprising all of the above amendments. Furthermore, you will also note that the latest edition of the calendar now indicates the precise dates for the CONCACAF Gold Cup and the CONMEBOL *Copa América* to be played in June and July 2011 respectively. Likewise, the dates for the UEFA EURO to be played in June-July 2012 have now been included in the calendar.

Finally, and with particular reference to the additional dates included, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the following release periods for which the players concerned need to be at disposal of their association teams for preparation purposes in accordance with annexe 1, art. 1 par. 4 of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players:

- a) friendly matches: 48 hours;
- b) qualifying matches for an international tournament: four days (including the day of the match). The release period shall be extended to five days if the match concerned is held in a different confederation to the one in which the player's club is registered;
- c) qualifying matches for an international tournament that are staged on a date reserved for friendly matches: 48 hours;
- d) friendly matches that are staged on a date reserved for qualifying matches for an international tournament: 48 hours.

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions in this connection.

We thank you for your kind attention to the above.

Yours faithfully,
FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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Jérôme Valcke
Secretary General

Encl. as mentioned

cc: - FIFA Executive Committee
- Confederations

International Match Calendar

FIXED DATES FOR NATIONAL TEAM MATCHES 2010-2014

Year	Month	Official matches (release period for players: 4/5 days)	Friendly matches (release period for players: 48 hours)	Number of match dates
2010	10-31 January	CAF Africa Cup of Nations - Angola		
	February	-	-	-
	3 March	-	1	1
	April	-	-	-
	16 May	Final match day at club level for the players pre-selected for the final competition of the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ (Circular no.1170)		
	11 June to 11 July	2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™		
	11 August	-	1	1
	3-7 September	2	-	2
	8-12 October	2	-	2
	17 November	-	1	1
	December	-	-	-
	Total	4	3	7

2011	7-29 January	AFC Asian Cup - Qatar		
	9 February	-	1	1
	25-29 March	2	-	2
	April	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-
	1 June	-	1	1
	3-7 June	2	-	2
	5-25 June	CONCACAF Gold Cup		
	3-24 July	CONMEBOL Copa America - Argentina		
	10 August	-	1	1
	2-6 September	2	-	2
	7-11 October	2	-	2
	11-15 November	2	-	2
	December	-	-	-
	Total	10	3	13

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Year	Month	Official matches (release period for players: 4/5 days)	Friendly matches (release period for players: 48 hours)	Number of match dates
2012	January	-	-	-
	29 February	-	1	1
	March	-	-	-
	April	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-
	1-5 June	2	-	2
	8-12 June	2	-	2
	8 June – 1 July	UEFA EURO 2012 Poland-Ukraine		
	July	-	-	-
	15 August	-	1	1
	7-11 September	2	-	2
	12-16 October	2	-	2
	14 November	-	1	1
	December	-	-	-
	Total	8	3	11

2013	January	-	-	-
	6 February	-	1	1
	22-26 March	2	-	2
	April	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-
	4 June	-	1	1
	7-11 June	2	-	2
	14-18 June	2	-	2
	July	-	-	-
	14 August	-	1	1
	6-10 September	2	-	2
	11-15 October	2	-	2
	15-19 November	2	-	2
	December	-	-	-
	Total	12	3	15

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FIXED DATES FOR NATIONAL TEAM MATCHES 2010-2014

To be confirmed:

- Final match day at club level for the players pre-selected for the final competition of the 2014 FIFA World Cup™

Year	Month	Official matches (release period for players: 4/5 days)	Friendly matches (release period for players: 48 hours)	Number of match dates
2014	January	-	-	-
	February	-	-	-
	5 March	-	1	1
	April	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-
	June/July	2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™		
	13 August	-	1	1
	5-9 September	2	-	2
	10-14 October	2	-	2
	19 November	-	1	1
	December	-	-	-
	Total	4	3	7