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In attention to:

FISTF Member Nations
FISTF Boards of Directors

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FISTF Members, Boards of Directors (all national associations)

Subject: Foreign player rule in clubs

**Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Member Nations,
Dear FISTF Board members,**

This is a FISTF notification for the upcoming FISTF implementation of the new updated **regulation for foreign players in clubs**.

Reasoning:

Over the years, the notion of a "club" within our sport has been reduced in many countries to the notion of a "team", with the desire of making these teams as strong as possible, instead of building, growing and developing a real Clubs.

As a result of this direction, FISTF has to manage a growing number of transfers every year, which seems to have become more important, rather than finding or seeking new players to be registered in countries.


Several sports friends may see this growth of transfers as a development, but that is not the case at all. If we look at it with a clear mind, then can be seen as a negative development for the future of our sport.

The progress of elite clubs, 2nd tier clubs and emerging clubs and the development of youth (starting with approx. 10 years of age to under 19 players) must happen on a parallel path.

The FISTF Boards main target is to motivate all clubs (not teams) world wide to take care for youth work and increase the number of players around the globe. Clubs should focus within their area or region, to promote our sport and go public to find youth and train them to play sport table football. Leaflets and sport presentation for public work is necessary.



Foreign player rule in clubs Beginning with 1st September 2018

- Regulation § : Foreign player rule.
Handbook  : The regulation will be added to the FISTF handbook (New Version 2.0), and will follow, as soon as we are able to publish the new version 2.0. This notification is valid and be used for this regulation in any case.
Beginning date : 1st September 2018
Reason: FISTF needs to act now and not wait another year to implement this important rule in the interest of youth development in clubs.
Nations : FISTF world wide impact for Season 2018/2019.

Board vote:

The FISTF Board has voted and decided:

Yes : votes **8**
Abstention : votes 0
No : votes **2**

The resolution for the new regulation governing foreign players was therefore carried.

Resolution: Foreign player regulation.

The terminus used within FISTF: **Foreign player.**

§1 The nomination:

All clubs (Legally domestic registered and domestic non-registered clubs) will be entitled to play (field, nominate) with one (1) foreign player on the FISTF game protocol (sheet) for each of its teams (A-Team, B-Team and so forth).

Note:

Club registration laws differ all over the world.

§1.1 The nomination of a second foreign player:

A second (2nd) foreign player on the FISTF game protocol (sheet) for a club team will be allowed, if the club has a minimum of 8 (eight) FISTF paid licensed (registered) players within the FISTF categories U-19, U-15 and/or U-12 (Both gender).

These 8 youth players (both gender) must be actively playing and participated within 3 official FISTF tournaments in the past 12 months. This will be verified and controlled through the FISTF World Ranking database.

Each of these 8 youth players must have all played 3 tournaments.

See §6.



§2 The registration of foreign players:

Clubs are permitted to licence/register any number of 'foreign players' for their club. The restriction only applies to those on the FISTF game protocol (sheet) of a match.

Note:

Only one foreign player can be on the protocol sheet.

§3 The Foreign player rule exception:

Foreign players will not be considered as 'foreigners' if they have always played for that single club, or they are foreigners that have no official active FISTF Federation (no form 20).

Example:

A person living as a foreigner in another country than his passport and register as a FISTF player, will not be considered as a foreign player.

§4 The transfer „fee“ of registration for foreign players:

The transfer fee will be implemented and is valid for foreign players licence / registry.

The club may licence / registry any number of 'foreign players' for their club and for each single player the transfer fee will be invoiced.

The fee will stay the same for 2 seasons and increase steadily.

The Transfer fee: Euro 12,00 Valid from 1st September 2018 until 31st August 2020.

The Transfer fee: Euro 14,00 Valid from 1st September 2020 until 31st August 2022.

The Transfer fee: Euro 16,00 Valid from 1st September 2022 until 31st August 2024.

Note:

For each transfer, the FISTF fee is invoiced to the club signing a new foreign player.

§5 The changed nationality registration of a foreign players:

FISTF Players that have "changed" nationality or have two nationalities, will be considered the nationality of the one nation they are on the Form 20 and play for the national team (eg: Cédric Garnier now living, working and married in Japan and playing for Japan, would be considered a foreigner for a French club, despite his Franco-Japanese nationality).

§6 The number of eight (8) youth players:

The number of active youth players is a living (developing) number, and Clubs can work and develop all year or playing season along, to increase the number of youth players. The more youth players a club has, the better is the survival of a club.

Example:

„If a club has signed 2 foreigners prior to the playing season (transfer time) and have currently only 6 youth players, then the club has to licence/register at least two more youth players that will play, before any second foreigner will be allowed to be fielded/nominated to play. That may happen during the entire playing season.



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These three (3) official tournaments (Major, GP, IO or Satellite) for these youths will have to be recorded in the FISTF World Ranking database '**before**' the 2nd foreign player can play in a following event. The same weekend for an official FISTF event is not counted.

Example:

The 8 youth players have played 2 FISTF events and will play a 3rd event on a weekend, therefore the A-Team of that club can only nominate one (1) foreign player on that same dated weekend.

The terminus „before' to be taken in consideration and the last 12 mnths do count (not season).

Important note:

Example:

If 7 youth players have played 3 tournaments and 1 youth player has only played 2 tournaments, then the quota of 100% youth work was not reached. A 2nd foreign player is therefore **not permitted** to be fielded/nominated in the clubs A-Team.

The more youth player a club has, the better the quota may/will be reached with 8 youth Players participating in 3 FISTF tournaments (Major, GP, IO or Satellite).

Attention:

The 12 months must be proved prior (before) of the nomination date for a tournament. In other words, if the clubs works well for youth, then a second foreign player may be nominated in the same Club team.

§7 The adaptations:

FISTF Board of Directors and its Sports Director keep it reserved to adapt, modify, update and correct the Foreign player rule at any time. A new validity date and version of this rule will then be announced. FISTF Handbook will be updated accordingly.

Note:

Within any special or extra-ordinary case (situation) that may surface in the time coming, the FISTF Board and the sports director will take care and decide.

In case of changes, an Appendix (Ci-joint, Annexa, Anhang) will be issued for clarification.

Motivation:

The Foreign player rule has the aim to motivate clubs and reward them for their youth development. The concept of transfers such as is not closed.

The aim is to develop the growth and create strong sustainable clubs over many years, and not just „teams“ without a solid backing.



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Clarification:

If certain paragraphs are not understood, then let us know for further clarification to avoid misunderstandings.

With kindest regards

FISTF Board 2018/2021

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