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Video assistant referee (VAR) implementation: FIFA final approval – Colombian Football Association

Dear Mr Tamayo,

We hope this letter finds you in good health.

We are pleased to inform you that the Colombian Football Association has received FIFA's final VAR approval and is now listed as an experienced competition organiser in regard to the use of VARs. Experienced competition organisers are those that have used VARs in an entire competition for at least three years and have received three consecutive approvals for this purpose. Consequently, these competition organisers leave the approval process of the Implementation Assistance and Approval Programme (IAAP) with immediate effect and no longer need to obtain approval from FIFA for the use of VARs in their competitions.

This step is intended to give back full responsibility to experienced competition organisers and afford them more flexibility with respect to VAR preparations, VMO/referee education and related operations. Although formal approval from FIFA is no longer required, we would like to emphasise that the future use of VARs in competitions must still be in accordance with the Laws of the Game, the VAR protocol and the remaining requirements under the IAAP.

Going forward, FIFA will continue to request basic VAR information to ensure continuous monitoring and to further develop the use of VARs worldwide. FIFA will request information from your VAR project leader before and after each season. After successful submission of all required information, experienced competition organisers are approved to continue using VARs in their competitions. Responses must be submitted at least 15 days prior to the start of the first competition of the season in which VARs will be used. We also kindly ask you to inform FIFA in case there will be personnel changes in the area of VAR responsibilities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your VAR team very much for the fruitful cooperation on this matter over the last years and wish you continued success with the use of VARs. We remain available at any time for any assistance you may require.

Yours sincerely,
FIFA

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