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**Temporary amendments to the
RSTP and Procedural Rules**



Temporary Amendments

Article 5 paragraph 4 of the RSTP

Existing wording

4. Players may be registered with a maximum of three clubs during one season. During this period, the player is only eligible to play official matches for two clubs. As an exception to this rule, a player moving between two clubs belonging to associations with overlapping seasons (i.e. start of the season in summer/autumn as opposed to winter/spring) may be eligible to play in official matches for a third club during the relevant season, provided he has fully complied with his contractual obligations towards his previous clubs. Equally, the provisions relating to the registration periods (article 6) as well as to the minimum length of a contract (article 18 paragraph 2) must be respected.

Temporary new wording (in bold)

4. Players may be registered with a maximum of three clubs during one season. During this period, the player is only eligible to play official matches for two clubs, **subject to the temporary exceptions below**. As an exception to this rule, a player moving between two clubs belonging to associations with overlapping seasons (i.e. start of the season in summer/autumn as opposed to winter/spring) may be eligible to play in official matches for a third club during the relevant season, provided he has fully complied with his contractual obligations towards his previous clubs. Equally, the provisions relating to the registration periods (article 6) as well as to the minimum length of a contract (article 18 paragraph 2) must be respected.

- (i) **During the following period, players may be registered with a maximum of three clubs and are eligible to play official matches for three clubs during one season:**
 - a) **for associations following a dual-year calendar: the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons; and**
 - b) **for associations following a single-year calendar: the 2020 season.**

Article 6 paragraph 2 of the RSTP

Existing wording

2. The first registration period shall begin after the completion of the season and shall normally end before the new season starts. This period may not exceed 12 weeks. The second registration period shall normally occur in the middle of the season and may not exceed four weeks. The two registration periods for the season shall be entered into TMS at least 12 months before they come into force (cf. Annexe 3, article 5.1 paragraph 1). FIFA shall determine the dates for any association that fails to communicate them on time.

Temporary new wording (in bold)

2. The first registration period shall begin after the completion of the season and shall normally end before the new season starts, **subject to the temporary exceptions below**. This period may not exceed 12 weeks. The second registration period shall normally occur in the middle of the season and may not exceed four weeks. The two registration periods for the season shall be entered into TMS at

least 12 months before they come into force (cf. Annexe 3, article 5.1 paragraph 1). FIFA shall determine the dates for any association that fails to communicate them on time.

- (i) For associations following a dual-year calendar, the first registration period for the 2020/21 season may overlap with the completion of the 2019/20 season for a maximum of 4 weeks.**
- (ii) During the portion of the first registration period for the 2020/21 season which overlaps with the completion of the 2019/20 season:**
 - a) the transfer of a player between clubs is permitted. The player shall only be eligible to participate in domestic competitions for their new club in the 2020/21 season;**
 - b) the engagement of an out-of-contract player is permitted. The player shall only be eligible to participate in domestic competitions for their new club in the 2020/21 season.**

Articles 17 and 18 of the Rules

Existing wording

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1. Costs in the maximum amount of CHF 25,000 are levied in connection with proceedings of the Players' Status Committee and the single judge (with the exception of proceedings relating to the provisional registration of players), as well as for proceedings before the DRC relating to disputes regarding training compensation and the solidarity mechanism. Costs are to be borne in consideration of the parties' degree of success in the proceedings. In special circumstances, the costs may be assumed by FIFA. Should a party generate unnecessary costs on account of its conduct, costs may be imposed upon it, irrespective of the outcome of the proceedings.

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1. An advance of costs (cf. art. 18) is payable for proceedings before the Players' Status Committee and the single judge (with the exception of proceedings relating to the provisional registration of players), **subject to the temporary exception below.**

- (i) For any claim or counter-claim lodged between 10 June 2020 and 31 December 2020 (both inclusive), there is no advance of costs payable.**

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- (i) For any claim or counter-claim lodged between 10 June 2020 and 31 December 2020 (both inclusive), no procedural costs shall be levied.**
- (ii) For any claim or counter-claim lodged prior to 10 June 2020 which has yet to be decided at the time of this temporary amendment, the maximum amount of procedural costs levied shall be equivalent to any advance of costs paid.**

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