



# FIFA DIPLOMA IN FOOTBALL LAW

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# WELCOME

Since its inception in 2019, the FIFA Diploma in Football Law has become a well-established, prestigious legal course on football for qualified legal experts from across the globe.

It continues with its third edition to provide ambitious and football-focused sports legal executives working at FIFA member associations, leagues, clubs, players' unions and private practices with every important aspect of the football legal ecosystem.

FIFA's vision to make football truly global involves a harmonic and holistic approach to implementing the legal principles of the game, to which all football stakeholders are contributing.

This course is not only a diploma for specialisation, but also a platform for dynamic and vivid interaction between renowned experts, arbitrators and academics and its participants and provides a permanent network of knowledge and expertise exchange.



**Emilio García Silvero**

FIFA Chief Legal and Compliance Officer



## 2024

*5 – 9 February*

*March*

*April*

*27 – 31 May*

*June*

*July*

*August*

*16 – 20 September*

*October*

*18 – 22 November*

*December*

## 2025

*January*

*February*

*1 – 5 March*

## TIMELINE

**Zurich (SWITZERLAND)**

**Asunción (PARAGUAY)**

**Dubai (UAE)**

**Miami (USA)**

**Zurich (SWITZERLAND)**



# THE DIPLOMA

The third edition of the FIFA Diploma in Football Law will be delivered in five modules, which will take place in key football locations around the world over a period of 13 months.

Each of these modules will consist of an intensive five-day course covering key topics.

Participants will also have the opportunity to visit iconic stadiums, football clubs and confederation headquarters, and to interact with their respective administrators and executives, as well as to experience and understand the local culture and history of the host cities.

## MODULE 1 - Introduction to Football Law

*5 – 9 February 2024*



### **Zurich (SWITZERLAND)**

Various sessions, round tables and case studies related to the main rules and regulations of the international football governing bodies, good governance and leadership.

## MODULE 2 - FIFA Transfer Regulations (I)

*27 – 31 May 2024*



### **Asunción (PARAGUAY)**

Various sessions, round tables and case studies related to the FIFA Transfer Regulations, the dispute resolution system, player-club matters, such as the signing and breaching of contracts, registration issues and national team matters.



## MODULE 3 - FIFA Transfer Regulations (II)

16 – 20 September 2024



### Dubai (UAE)

Various sessions, round tables and case studies related to club matters, such as the signing and breaching of contracts, transfer issues, solidarity and training compensation.

## MODULE 4 - Other Aspects of Football Law

18 – 22 November 2024



### Miami (USA)

Various sessions, round tables and case studies related to disciplinary, doping and integrity matters, commercial rights, TV rights and sponsorship, among others.

## MODULE 5 - CAS Proceedings

1 – 5 March 2025

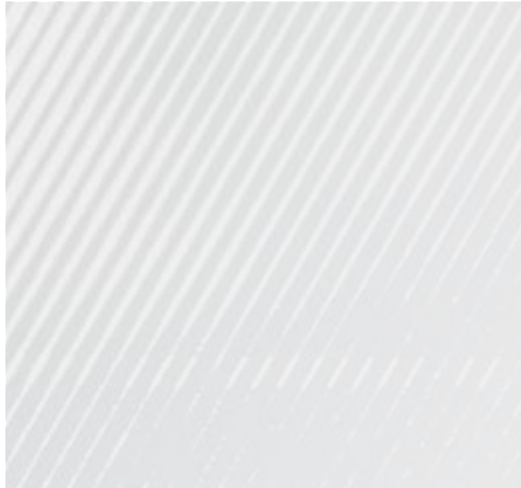


### Zurich (SWITZERLAND)

Various sessions and case studies related to the activity of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), its ordinary, appeal and anti-doping proceedings and the leading football-related decisions rendered by CAS in recent years; graduation ceremony.

# FACULTY

The FIFA Diploma in Football Law is taught by highly reputed football law specialists. The various modules will be delivered by FIFA staff, independent lawyers, CAS arbitrators, in-house general counsel and executives of football institutions.



# ACADEMIC DIRECTION

## PRINCIPAL


**Dr. Emilio García Silvero**  
(FIFA Chief Legal & Compliance Officer)

## EDUCATIONAL BOARD

**Theodore Giannikos**  
(FIFA Director of Legal Strategic Projects)

**Maja Kuster Hoffmann**  
(FIFA Senior Legal Development Affairs Manager)

**Matteo Tassi**  
(CIES Head of Executive Education)



*"One of the most incredible experiences of my entire career, to learn from and talk to the main executives of FIFA itself, travelling around the world and meeting fantastic classmates."*

**Felipe EZABELLA**

GOFFI SCARTEZZINI ABOGADOS ASOCIADOS  
Founding partner and sports lawyer

*"Being selected was an incredibly enlightening experience. Upon finishing the course, I had a deeper understanding of football law and gained a new football family – my fellow students. It is obvious that FIFA is devoted to delivering top-notch education to secure the future of the beautiful game."*

**Helen SYREGGELAS**

UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION  
Senior Manager, Compliance

*"I feel very lucky to have had this opportunity; through the practical and social experiences of each module, we made a team with players from different parts of the world, united by soccer."*

**Gema LUQUE CLAVEL**

PANAMANAIAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
Arbitration Manager and Commissioner

*"Throughout this amazing journey, we met amazing lawyers, football experts and professors, and even though the older you get the fewer friends you make, the diploma has proven the contrary."*

**Juan Manuel FERRER**

MEXICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION  
Disciplinary Committee Director

# INFORMATION/REGISTRATION

## PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE

The FIFA Diploma in Football Law is designed for sports executives who want to upgrade their knowledge of football law to further their career, while getting a comprehensive, in-depth overview of the latest football law rules and trends from experts who are active at all levels of the football industry.

A potential participant in this programme may work in the legal department of a FIFA member association, hold a legal position in a players' union, club or league, or work as a sports lawyer in the football field.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

The admission process is open from 17 May 2023 to 15 September 2023. Applicants should fill in the respective application form which can be found at [www.fifa.com/diploma-in-football-law](http://www.fifa.com/diploma-in-football-law) or [www.cies.ch/en/education/football-law](http://www.cies.ch/en/education/football-law).

The application should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae. Letters of recommendation are welcome, but a maximum of two may be submitted.

The academic board will select up to 24 participants. All applicants will be informed accordingly.

## TUITION FEES

The programme fee of USD 10,000 is due by the programme start date. It covers the material for the five modules as well as lunches and coffees.

More detailed logistical information will be provided to selected participants in due time.

## CONTACT

Any questions related to the FIFA Diploma in Football Law can be addressed to:

### EDUCATIONAL BOARD

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