

CORRESPONDENCE

Amateurism and the FIFA

Our distinguished colleague, Mr. Seeldrayers who has just been appointed Chairman of the International Football Federation, and to whom we extend our heartiest congratulations, lost no time in tackling the task of establishing a new ruling concerning the definition of the amateur status within his International Federation.

As the outcome of the anomalies which were noticed at the time of the Olympic Tournament in Helsinki when « sham Amateurs » were inscribed in the competition, one felt that it was high time for the F. I. F. A. to interfere and put an end to these blatant abuses. It needed the dynamic power of a man like Mr. Seeldrayers to draw a new ruling concerning the definition of amateurism and have it sanctioned by his Executive

Board. The later will submit this new ruling to the F. I. F. A. at its next Congress.

Inasmuch that the National Federations are willing to implement the dispositions of this new Ruling qualifying the amateur status, and that the F. I. F. A. will apply a very strict control over the entries it shall receive on the occasion of the Olympic Tournament, we shall be very happy to follow and welcome a satisfactory amendment for which we are extending our heartiest congratulations to our colleague, Mr. Seeldrayers.

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member of the I. O. C.

We thereafter publish the text of the new Regulation.