

Amateur Definition of the FIFA

Article

1. Players of a National Association affiliated to FIFA are professionals, non amateurs or amateurs.
2. Players who have taken part in a football match or training session and who have been refunded only their actual expenses for travel, necessary maintenance and hotel charges. and those who, in special cases, have been specifically authorized by their National Association to receive expenses for equipment and insurance against accidents during play and whilst travelling are considered to be amateur players.
3. Those who take part in matches under the jurisdiction of their National Association and receive an allowance for wages lost may also be considered to be amateur players. Such allowance must be an equitable proportion of the actual wages of the player which have been lost.
4. Each player must sign a receipt for all money received and allowed by clauses 2 and 3 of this Article.
5. Players who receive regular wages, payments for playing, bonuses, salaries, payments on account, or any other allowances, other than those mentioned in paras. 2 and 3 of this Article, or who have only an apparent, fictitious or sham employment or profession, are considered to be professionals or non amateurs. Under no circumstances are such players allowed to take part in the Olympic Games or any competition, arranged by FIFA, restricted to amateur players only.
6. Professional and non-amateur players, referred to in paras. 1–5 above, must appear in an official register compiled by and kept up-to-date by the National

Association concerned. The Association is responsible for this and must take the requisite steps to ensure its regular official publication ; on request this register must be held at the disposal of the FIFA to be inspected by it at the headquarters of the Association concerned.

7. An amateur player who contravenes the regulations specified in this statute shall be immediately registered in the register mentioned in para. 6 as a professional or non-amateur player.
8. A professional or non-amateur player may be re-instated as an amateur by his National Association, but cannot, under any circumstances, again take part in the Olympic Games or any competition arranged by FIFA restricted to amateurs.
9. The Executive Committee, upon the proposal of the « Status of the Player » Commission, will make definite decisions respecting all infringements of the arrangements of this Article.