



Application as a FIFA licensee for Football Turf

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The background of the slide is a photograph of a women's football match. In the foreground, a player in a white kit with the number 11 is in mid-air, having just kicked the ball. A player in a red kit is on the ground in front of her, having just been fouled. The ball is on the grass near the red player. In the background, other players and a stadium filled with spectators are visible. A banner in the background reads "FIFA U-20 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP CANADA 2014 - MONCTON".

Application process

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Initial meeting with FIFA

Formal Application
(FQP Audit, WFSGI Pledge)

Provide passed lab report & 3 IMS field test reports
from a FIFA-accredited test institute

Licence Agreement

As part of its commitment to quality artificial football turf, the FIFA Quality Programme operates with a licensing scheme for companies that are eligible to obtain certification for their final installations.

To become a licensee of the FIFA Quality Programme new applicants need to follow the four step application process to demonstrate that they are in line with the quality aspirations of the FIFA Quality Programme.

External reports, such as the FQP audit report, the pledge of the WFSGI or FIFA test reports, need to be submitted to FIFA by the independent 3rd party (auditor, test institute) which is performing the required testing. All reports need to be submitted in electronic form.

Once FIFA reviewed the documents and is satisfied with the results a contract will be offered to the applicant during final meeting.

FIFA Quality Programme Audit

The audit of the FIFA Quality Programme is designed to validate the general information of the applicant manufacturer such as:

1. Legal status

- ✓ Company is a manufacturer of artificial turf as per FIFA's definition
- ✓ Legal status (i.e. Ltd., plc., GmbH, ...)
- ✓ Legal disputes with FIFA or its Member Associations

2. Insurance

- ✓ Public liability insurance
- ✓ Product liability insurance

3. Financial background

4. Production

- ✓ Capacity
- ✓ Manufacturing plants

5. Civil Engineer

- ✓ Experience
- ✓ Role in company

6. ISO 9001

- ✓ Management structure
- ✓ Technical structure
- ✓ Quality management

7. ISO 14001

- ✓ Environmental management system

8. ISO 45001 or OHSAS 18001 *(optional)*

- ✓ Health & Safety management system

FIFA Quality Programme Audit

FIFA Quality Programme Audit - Self Assessment	
Company (Applicant):	
Date:	
Prepared by:	
<p>Objective: The self-assessment is a supporting document/tool for the applicant manufacturer to prepare the necessary documents for the FIFA Quality Programme audit and to ensure an efficient conduction of the on-site audit. As such, the applicant manufacturer should fill in the relevant information for the different sections and provide an explanation, which is as detailed and clear as possible.</p>	
<p>Instructions: Applicant manufacturer The applicant is responsible for the selection of the audit company, the organisation of the audit (preparation of documents, timing, ...) and the payment of the audit. The applicant is also responsible that the engaged auditor is registered, qualified and independent.</p> <p>Work Programme The appointed auditor will receive the work programme directly from FIFA upon request. The final audit report will be submitted to FIFA through the auditor (and not through the licensee). With the appointment of the auditor the applicant manufacturer also agrees that the auditor shares relevant information (such as the final audit report and supporting documents) with FIFA.</p> <p>Submission of Self-Assessment The completed self-assessment document and all relevant documents shall be submitted to the auditor at least two (2) weeks prior to the audit.</p> <p>Preparation Call Conference Call with auditor one (1) week in advance to agree on the following points: - Agenda - Interview partner - Sample preparation</p>	

Self-assessment

The first step of the audit is the self-assessment. The self-assessment form can be requested with the FIFA Quality Programme.

Auditor

The audit can be performed either by one of the **Big Four** accounting firms

- Deloitte
 - Ernst & Young
 - KPMG
 - PwC
- or
- Mazars

The applicant is responsible for the selection and appointment of the auditor. If required, FIFA can provide a point of contact.

WFSGI pledge

As the world governing body for the sporting goods industry the WFSGI strives to promote fair and environmentally friendly trade and working conditions, and campaigns for ethical standards in factories that produce sporting goods.

Since 1997 the sporting goods industry has actively worked with FIFA to eliminate child labour in Pakistan and India, and with the topic of social compliance gaining importance over the years, the program has shifted to a broader approach covering today's internationally recognized labour standards among companies producing FIFA certified products.

With that being said, all (applicant) licensees of the FIFA Quality Programme for Football Turf have to provide a WFSGI pledge for all production facilities (in-house or external) where they are producing artificial turf which is used in FIFA-certified Football Turf installations.

Further information about the WFSGI and the pledge procedure can be requested directly through the WFSGI: pledge@wfsgi.com.



FIFA laboratory & field test reports

As part of the analysis of the technical capability to produce and install football turf fields each applicant manufacturer need to provide

- 1 IMS laboratory test report
- 3 IMS* field test reports

All reports will be submitted to FIFA through the [FIFA-accredited test institute](#).

Following the successful application process the 3 IMS fields will be transformed into FIFA Quality certified fields.

*IMS (International Match Standard)

The IMS standard is the non-commercial quality standard governed by the FIFA Quality Programme.

To comply with the IMS the same tests as for the FIFA Quality level have to be passed successfully.