

PE1319/OO

Scottish Football Association Letter of 18 October 2013

Dear Anne

Please find attached paper that was approved by the SPFL Board recently.

Although approved by the SPFL Board, the proposals also need also to be put into effect by our members in general meeting, through the deletion of various existing SPFL rules. This should happen (recommended by the Board) at the next general meeting of all 42 clubs in January.

Following this (if approved) we would then look to implement the new matrix and communicate this to the clubs with a view to it being reflected in our new rule book which is approved annually usually in June as the new transfer window opens for the Summer.

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Club Academy Scotland I Reimbursement of Training Costs for Youth Players

Background

In response to correspondence from Stenhousemuir FC regarding anomalies and perceived unfairness with the existing system of training compensation for youth players moving between clubs within senior football, the Professional Game Board, at its meeting on 23 February 2012, established a Working Party to review the legitimacy of the training cost reimbursement mechanisms, in the context of FIFA Regulations, and the introduction of a single uniform system for the professional game in Scotland.

Working Party Review

Chaired by Scottish FA President, Campbell Ogilvie, the Working Party held a series of meetings between April and November, 2012.

Following the review, the Working Party concluded that: -

1. FIFA Regulations clearly permit National Associations to adopt a system for the financial reward of clubs investing in the training and education of young players.
2. The Scottish FA youth development programme “Club Academy Scotland” provided the most suitable vehicle to introduce a uniform, fair and consistent mechanism for the reimbursement of youth training costs.
3. A new reimbursement model should be based upon the Association’s declared development contribution (PAS support) for clubs participating within the Club Academy Scotland programme, and
4. The new reimbursement system should be centrally administered and managed by the Scottish FA.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the undernoted model for the reimbursement of training costs for youth players be incorporated within the Club Academy Scotland programme, and Scottish FA Registration Procedures, with immediate effect: -

Club Academy Scotland 1 – 6 Star Rating I Model for reimbursement of Training Costs

<u>Age Category I Star Rating</u>	Other	1	2	3	4	5	6	%
Minimum Scottish FA PAS Band*	10000~	18000	30000	65000	85000	100000	125000	
11	600	1080	1800	3900	5100	6000	7500	6
12	600	1080	1800	3900	5100	6000	7500	6
13	600	1080	1800	3900	5100	6000	7500	6
14	1200	2160	3600	7800	10200	12000	15000	12
15	1200	2160	3600	7800	10200	12000	15000	12
16	1200	2160	3600	7800	10200	12000	15000	12
17	1200	2160	3600	7800	10200	12000	15000	12

*Notified to SPL & SFL clubs in Stewart Regan’s letter of 23rd March 2012

~ Based upon current SHFL Youth Development contribution