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Annex 9 - Rules for approaches to and signing of Scottish Youth FA Clubs' registered Players and Club Academy Scotland Players

1 Introduction

- 1.1 These regulations in this Annex 9 are intended to ensure that Scottish FA Member Clubs follow the Registration Procedures in relation to approaches to and signing of Scottish Youth FA Clubs' registered Players.
- 1.2 This Annex 9 is intended to assist in ensuring that all children participating in football do so in a safe environment, and in recognition of the fact that those Scottish Youth FA Club Registered Officials who organise and/or deliver sport to children have a duty of care to make sure said children are safe and protected from harm and the risk of harm in and through sport.

2 General

- 2.1 No Club(s) or any other person under the jurisdiction of the Scottish FA shall approach directly a Player under 16 years of age. Any approach for such a Player must be via his parent(s)/guardian(s). Notwithstanding the foregoing any approach to a Player of a Scottish Youth FA Club must be made in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Annex 9 of the Registration Procedures.

3 Notice of intention to approach and signing Player of a Scottish Youth FA Club

- 3.1 Only a Recognised Official is permitted to make contact with and/or attempt to sign a Scottish Youth FA Club concerning any of its registered Players.
- 3.2 Notice of a Scottish FA Member Club's expression of interest and/or attempt to sign must be made either in writing (including by email or fax) and be lodged with a Recognised Official of the Player's Scottish Youth FA Club. The Scottish Youth FA Club, if granting permission, must do so in writing to the Scottish FA Member Club prior to any approach being made and/or attempt to sign and/or any discussions being had with, the Player or his parent(s)/ guardian(s).
- 3.3 Should a Scottish FA Member Club or Recognised Official be contacted by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a registered Player of a Scottish Youth FA Club, then the Scottish FA Member Club or Recognised Official, must advise a Recognised Official of the Scottish Youth FA Club concerned of the approach and/or attempt to sign. The approach and/or attempt to sign must be notified in writing (including email or fax), and the Scottish FA Member Club must also seek the consent, in writing, of the Scottish Youth FA Club to enter discussions with the Player or his parent(s)/guardians, prior to entering into any discussions with the Player or his parent(s)/guardians.
- 3.4 Should a Scottish FA Member Club approach and/or attempt to sign a Scottish Youth FA Club Player or his parent(s)/guardian(s) prior to carrying out the procedures set out in this Annex 9 then it will be referred to the Compliance Officer who may refer the matter to the Judicial Panel. The Judicial Panel will have jurisdiction to deal with any such alleged breach and to impose sanctions in relation to it as prescribed within the Judicial Panel Protocol.



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- 3.5 Should the Recognised Official of the Scottish Youth FA Club formally deny the Scottish FA Member Club permission to enter discussions with one of its Players or their parent(s)/guardian(s) as appropriate then a Recognised Official of the Scottish FA Member Club should contact the Chief Executive of the Scottish Youth FA.
- 3.6 If a Scottish FA Member Club which has observed the procedure in terms of this Annex 9 and is subsequently refused permission by the Player's Club to sign the Scottish Youth FA Player, then it may do so by intimating (by Recorded delivery letter) 7 days' notice of such proposed registration to:
- (a) the Secretary of the Scottish FA
 - (b) the Chief Executive of the Scottish Youth FA, and;
 - (c) the secretary of the Player's Scottish Youth FA Club.

Upon receipt of notice in terms of this Paragraph 3.6 of Annex 9, a Scottish Youth FA Club must advise its relevant registration authority of the cancellation thus rendering the Player free to sign and be registered with his new Club.

4 Scottish FA Licensed Team Scout attending a Scottish Youth FA Club's match

- 4.1 Should a Scottish FA Licensed Team Scout attending a Scottish Youth FA's Club's match wish to approach a Scottish Youth FA Club's Player, then he must make himself known to a Recognised Official of the Scottish Youth FA Club by first introducing himself and showing his Scottish FA Licensed Team Scout registration card. Permission must be granted by a Recognised Official of the Scottish Youth FA Club prior to any approach being made to the Player and/or his parent(s)/guardian(s). Only in these limited circumstances, and only if verbal permission from a Recognised Official of the Scottish Youth FA Club is granted as set out in this Paragraph 4.1 of Annex 9, prior written intimation to the Scottish Youth FA Club is not required.

5 Club Academy Scotland Programme

- 5.1 A Club shall not, either directly or indirectly, make any approach to or communicate with a Player who is registered as an Amateur Player with any Club participating within the Club Academy Scotland Programme other than in accordance with Scottish Professional Football League Rules in relation to Commitment Letters which must be strictly adhered to.
- 5.2 A Player who is registered as an Amateur Player with a Club participating within the Club Academy Scotland Programme, shall not, either directly or indirectly, make any approach to another Club.
- 5.3 When a Player is released from a Club participating in the Club Academy Scotland Programme, notification of the Players release will be intimated to the Chief Executive of the Scottish Youth FA who may share names and contact details with other Scottish Youth FA Member Clubs to allow Scottish Youth FA Member Clubs to support Players so released with the intention of ensuring that the Player will have the opportunity to remain in and continue to play football.