

**TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA**

Circular no. 1387

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**Procedures regarding club academies and summer schools**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing in regards to the above matter, which was addressed during the FIFA Executive Committee meeting held in Zurich on 3 and 4 October 2013.

In this regard, the FIFA Executive Committee thoroughly analysed two issues which had previously been examined by the FIFA Football Committee, namely *permanent training centres (academies)* and *summer schools for a limited time*.

The Executive Committee noted that while **academies** were duly and comprehensively addressed under FIFA's Regulations (cf. article 19bis of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players), clubs needed to be reminded about their obligations in this respect. Therefore, we kindly ask you remind the clubs affiliated to your association to fully adhere to article 19bis of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.

The above-mentioned article stipulates that clubs which operate an academy with legal, financial or de facto links to the club are obliged to report all minors who attend the academy to the association upon whose territory the academy operates. Furthermore, each association is obliged to ensure that all academies without legal, financial or de facto links to a club:

- a) run a club that participates in the relevant national championships; all players shall be reported to the association upon whose territory the academy operates, or registered with the club itself; or
- b) report all minors who attend the academy for the purpose of training to the association upon whose territory the academy operates.

In addition, each association shall keep a register comprising the names and dates of birth of the minors who have been reported to it by the clubs or academies. Through the act of reporting, academies and players undertake to practise football in accordance with the FIFA Statutes, and to respect and promote the ethical principles of organised football. It is important to stress that this also

applies to the reporting of all minor players who are not nationals of the country in which they wish to be reported.

With regard to **summer schools** for a limited time, the FIFA Executive Committee noted a lack of information for associations, especially in cases where clubs organise such summer schools outside the territory of the association the club is affiliated to. In order to address this problem, the FIFA Executive Committee has decided that clubs shall give their association as well as the association of the country where the planned summer school will take place advance information regarding the specific location, the dates and the kind of camp they are planning to organise. This information will then allow the relevant associations to ask for any further specific information they deem relevant.

We thank you in advance for informing your affiliated clubs accordingly and also for your valuable cooperation on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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