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Dear Club Representative,

ARE TRAINING COMPENSATION PAYMENTS DUE TO YOUR CLUB?

We are writing to request your assistance in tracking the movements of young Australian football players who have moved overseas.

As you may be aware, FIFA has in place a system known as the Training Compensation system (TC), which has been developed to ensure that junior clubs receive some compensation for the contribution they make to training the stars of tomorrow.

The impact of TC is that your club may be entitled to receive money in the event that one of your former players signs a professional contract before the age of 23. Depending on the status of that club the amount you will receive will vary, however in the case of a player signing for a top European team, your club may be entitled to receive a significant sum.

By way of an example, one junior club whose former player has signed with an English Premier League team now stands to receive over \$55,000. Last financial year FFA distributed over \$400,000 to Australian clubs for Training Compensation that was sourced entirely from foreign clubs.

What can you do to assist this process?

Football Federation Australia is responsible for administering TC. As you would appreciate, it is very difficult to track the movements of all young players heading overseas, especially where these players move overseas as amateurs and/or minors*.

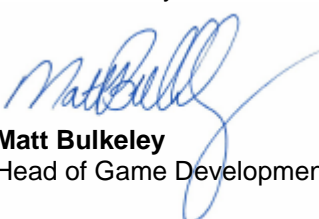
Accordingly, you can assist your club by advising FFA of any young players who have played with your club and are now playing overseas, either as an amateur or as a professional, and are 23 years old or less. You should forward the full name and date of birth of any players that fall into this category to: trainingcompensation@footballaustralia.com.au

FFA will build a database of young players at overseas clubs and then liaise with the relevant foreign National Association to determine whether your club is owed any compensation. As the only body authorised to collect and distribute TC, FFA will then correspond with these foreign clubs on your behalf.

***Finally, it is worth noting that the transfer of young players overseas is strictly regulated. If a player is under the age of 18, they will only be permitted to register with a foreign club if they have moved for a "non-football" reason such as a parent's relocation for work. Clubs found to have encouraged minors to move overseas for football reasons, or which attempt to recover TC independent of FFA, risk being subjected to severe sanctions, including fines or relegation.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact trainingcompensation@footballaustralia.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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