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To all Schoolboy/Schoolgirl League Secretaries

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Re: FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players

Dear Member,

I refer to correspondence dated 31 March 2010 and 22 October 2010 sent by Mr Gerry McDermott, Director of Football Services in which it was outlined that FIFA amended their Regulations on the Status and transfer of Players and brought in new regulations in relation to the Protection of Minors. Minors are players who have not yet reached their 18th birthday.

Article 19 of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players deals specifically with (a) the International Transfer of a minor and (b) the First Registration of a minor who is not a national of the country in which he wishes to be registered for the first time.

Therefore, every International Transfer and every First Registration of a minor who is not a national of this country is subject to the approval of the FIFA subcommittee appointed by the Players' Status Committee for that purpose. To avoid increased pressure on amateur clubs to submit each case to FIFA for approval, the FAI has been granted an exemption whereby each player's details (using the enclosed form) are sent directly to the FAI rather than FIFA. The FAI will then compile a report concerning these registrations which we will submit to FIFA every six months and report on all movements of these players until they are 18 years old.

Therefore, if a player is a minor and has never previously been registered with any association then there is a certain procedure which must be followed by Irish clubs and leagues. If the player is not an Irish national, we would therefore kindly request you to complete the enclosed form for every player referred to above which you will be registering for the coming season.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vincent O'Flaherty'.

Vincent O'Flaherty
Football Regulations Co-ordinator