

Protection of young players and encouragement of youth development

Resolution of the Professional Football Strategy Council

With regard to the protection of young players and encouragement of youth development, the Professional Football Strategy Council agrees that no international transfers (or first registration of non-nationals) of players under 18 into Europe or within Europe should be permitted.

This means in particular that the third exception foreseen today in Article 19, paragraph 2 b), of the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players, and which relates only to the EU/EEA, should be reviewed in order to guarantee that the same system regarding transfer bans of under-18 year old players applies both within and outside Europe and that this system is strictly monitored.

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