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To :	Sunday, Metropolitan, Masters & Women's League Clubs		
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From :	General Manager, Competitions & Operations		
Subject :	International Transfer Certificates (ITCs)		

Football West would like to remind clubs about the FIFA and FFA regulations relating to the registration of any player whose previous club was not in Australia.

The FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players state, at Article 9:

Players registered at one association may only be registered at a new association once the latter has received an International Transfer Certificate (hereinafter: ITC) from the former association. The ITC shall be issued free of charge without any conditions or time limit. Any provisions to the contrary shall be null and void. The association issuing the ITC shall lodge a copy with FIFA.

Furthermore, Football Federation Australia's National Registration Regulations state:

If a Player was previously registered with an International Club, FFA needs to request an International Transfer Certificate or an International Futsal Transfer Certificate (ITC) from the National Association of that International Club. The last date on which FFA can request an ITC is the last day of a Competition's Registration Period. FFA cannot register a player unless and until an ITC is received.

The effect of both of these rules is that a club wishing to register a player whose last club was not in Australia must request an ITC through Football West in order to do so and the player may not compete until this has been completed.

We have become increasingly aware of potential breaches to these regulations in the senior Sunday competitions administered by Football West. Indeed, a perfunctory investigation leads us to believe that the majority of clubs may have one or more players registered without an ITC where one is required.

The requirement to apply for an ITC is not something which can be arbitrarily ignored, but by the same token, we have no wish to throw the competitions into disarray by rigidly applying the Competition Rules retrospectively.

Consequently, in discussing this matter with the Amateurs, Masters and Social Standing Committee, Football West has made the following rulings.

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1. It is the responsibility of every club to apply for an ITC in cases where one is required.
2. Football West requires that each club asks each of its players for the name of his or her previous club and lodge an ITC request with Football West for each player whose last club was not in Australia.
3. It is important to note that an Australian player whose previous club was overseas is still required to have an ITC.
4. Applications for an ITC should be made on the prescribed form which can be downloaded [here](#).
5. Players without an ITC are free to keep playing as long as the request for an ITC is lodged with Football West by 5:00pm on Friday 31 August 2012.
6. After the end of the 2012 season, any player requiring an ITC who does not have one is ineligible to participate in any Football West competitions in accordance with FIFA and FFA regulations and in subsequent seasons, matches may be forfeited where a breach is proven.
7. The liability of a club to request an ITC is limited only to the player's previous club. That is, although you may be aware that a player has played for an international club in his or her past, you are only required to request an ITC if the club with which the player was registered IMMEDIATELY prior to registering with your club was in a country other than Australia.

We recognise that there may be a small administrative burden associated with these requirements which is why we have allowed an amnesty until the end of August to allow clubs sufficient time to complete this, but Football West is bound by FIFA and FFA requirements to follow protocol in registering players from overseas.

Going forward, we will work with clubs to help them, and I would strongly encourage everyone to factor in the necessary time to obtain an ITC (up to 30 days) in their player registration process. Furthermore, where there is some doubt, the default should always be to seek an ITC – in future the onus rests with the club to either seek proof from the player or apply for an ITC just in case. Ignorance or being 'misled' will no longer be an excuse accepted.

If you would like to clarify anything regarding ITCs, please do not hesitate to contact either Laura (9422 6908) or Angela (9422 6904).

Yours faithfully,



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