

# FFA Circular

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**TO THE MEMBERS OF FFA**

## **Compliance with the National Registration Regulations and registration of Professional Players**

The purpose of this circular is to remind all members of Football Federation Australia (**FFA**) of their obligations in relation to the registration of professional players.

In accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (**RSTP**) and the FFA National Registration Regulations (**NRRs**), any player who has a written agreement with a club and is paid more than the expenses they incur in playing for the club **must** be registered as a professional and not an amateur. If an amateur is paid or reimbursed more than \$110 per week, the onus is on the club to satisfy the competition administrator that the amount accurately reflects the expenses incurred by the player (see article 3.1(c) of the NRRs).

Other than for National Leagues Competitions (A-League, W-League and Y-League), the contract between the club and the professional player **must** be in the form of FFA prescribed form [NRR05](#) (see article 6.1 of the NRRs) and lodged with the relevant competition administrator during a registration period (see article 4.4).

It is the club's responsibility to ensure that a player's status as a professional is accurately recorded on the Play Football registration system at all times (see article 3.1(d) of the NRRs).

The club must also ensure that any other obligations in relation to professional players that are set out in the RSTP, NRRs or any local competition rules or club licensing agreements are adhered to.

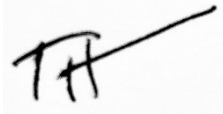
Clubs are reminded that both FFA and Member Federations have the power to carry out audits and random checks on clubs to ascertain compliance with the NRRs. Further detail on these powers may be found in article 15.3 of the NRRs, which includes the requirement for clubs and individuals to produce all relevant documents including financial accounts and taxation information. FFA intends to undertake audits and random checks on clubs in 2020 to ascertain compliance with the NRRs.

Significant sanctions may apply to any club that fails to adhere to its obligations under the NRRs.

Please distribute this circular to your stakeholders. A copy will also be posted on the FFA website for reference.

Yours sincerely

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