

The Spartans FC Youth Approach by a Professional Club (Boys)



Our Policy for all Players

- Any requests from a professional club to sign or offer coaching to a Spartans Youth Section player should be directed to the Team Head Coach in the first instance.
- Under no circumstances should a professional club approach the player, or the parents or guardians of a player directly.
- If a professional club approaches a player and/or their parents/guardians directly, Spartans Youth Section will report the club in question to the SFA. In such cases the SFA will write to the club in question to remind them of the approved procedure, i.e. to contact the player's Team Head Coach in the first instance.
- The Team Head Coach should inform the Youth Section Coach Development Officer, Stuart Gray, (stuart.gray@spartansfcyouth.com) of any approach.
- The Team Head Coach should inform the parents and/or guardians to let them know an approach has been made and to find out if the player would like to join the club in question or attend coaching with them.
- If the player would like to join the professional club the Team Head Coach, player and professional club will agree a 'suitable' transfer date, ensuring the player's needs come first.
- The players registration with Spartans FC Youth will be cancelled.
- In some cases, the player can train with both a professional club and Spartans Youth Section. Such an arrangement should be agreed between all relevant parties for a set time frame.
- If an ex Spartans player is subsequently released by the professional club and wishes to re-join the Youth Section, then an approach can be made to the Team Head Coach and the request will be considered.