



The Spartans FC (Youth)

Approach by a Professional Club

Why have a policy

- The policy provides guidance for coaches, players and parents/guardians around how to deal with an approach from a professional club, who would like to recruit one of our players.
- The policy ensures a consistent approach is adopted across the youth section
- The policy enables the club to monitor the level of interest from professional clubs

Our Policy for players playing 7-a-side/4s football

- 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 direct
- If a professional club approaches a player and/or their parents/guardians direct, 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, namely 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) and The Spartans Development Manager, Iain Thomson (Iain.Thomson@spartansfc.com)
- 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
- In the event that 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



- If and 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

Our Policy for players playing 11 a-side football

- 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 direct
- If a professional club approaches a player and/or their parents/guardians direct, Spartans Youth Section will report the club in question to the SYFA. In such cases the SFA will pass the detailed report to the SFA general purposes committee to deal with i.e. the club being reported will be cited
- The Team Head Coach should inform the Youth Section Coach Development Officer, Stuart Gray (stuart.gray@spartansfcyouth.com)
- The Team Head Coach should inform the player, 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
- In the event that 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 for the short term and agreed between all relevant parties
- If and 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

The Scope of the Policy

All employees, volunteers and members are expected to comply with this policy. The Youth Section Management Committee reserve the right to up-date the policy as and when required.

General Guidelines

- Coaches will be informed of this policy when they join the club
- Any queries should be directed to the Youth Section Chairperson, Club Manager or Coach Development Officer.