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Training compensation and solidarity payments in Women's Football

Women's football has grown steadily in the past decade and that growth has brought an increased international transfer market for professional players. However, the training compensation and solidarity payment schemes found in men's football are not found in women's football.

Currently though, a number of European football associations have their own national regulations as to training compensation (see attachment). According to the Swedish training compensation scheme, clubs that have trained players between the ages of 12-21 are compensated. Moreover, a Swedish club that has trained a player between those ages are entitled to a solidarity payment when a professional player transfers to another Swedish club irrespective of the age of that player. However, these provisions are not applicable when a player transfers from a Swedish club to a club outside of Sweden.

In light of the above, and given the fact that international transfers will become even more common in the future, the Swedish Football Association kindly requests FIFA to initiate proceedings to establish clear and overarching regulations for training compensation and solidarity payment in women's football. This is needed if we want a higher participation rate in women's football and also signals that FIFA rewards the education and training of young players, irrespective of their gender.



Should you have any questions as to the above or want additional material, please do not hesitate to contact the Swedish FA's Legal Counsel, Mr Joakim Högberg Jacobsson, per e-mail (joakim.hogbergjacobsson@svenskfotboll.se).

Kind regards,

THE SWEDISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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