



MALTA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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These policies and objectives are intended for the Club Licensing System of Clubs participating in UEFA competitions.

POLICIES & OBJECTIVES

The Malta Football Association approved the introduction of a club licensing system as from season 2003/04 with objective of creating a level playing field for all clubs participating in UEFA Competitions.

The objectives of the Clubs' Licensing System are:

- To promote and improve sporting standards in the local game;
- To ensure that youth players receive the best possible training and care;
- To ensure that clubs have an adequate level of management and organization;
- To ensure that the stadia that clubs play in reflect the needs of spectators, players, officials and media and provide a safe environment;
- To ensure a common level playing for all clubs.

Furthermore, the Association and clubs aim to achieve financial fair play by:

- Improving the financial and economic performance of clubs, and help to increase their transparency and credibility;
- Placing the necessary importance on the protection of creditors and to ensure that clubs settle their liabilities with players, social/tax authorities and other clubs punctually;
- Introducing more discipline and rationality in club football finances;
- Encouraging clubs to operate on the basis of their own revenues;
- Encouraging responsible spending for the long-term benefit of football;
- Protecting the long-term viability and sustainability of European club football

Clubs are expected to fulfill the criteria laid down in the National Football Regulations, namely *Sporting, Administrative and Personnel, Legal, Financial and Infrastructure* in order to participate in these competitions and the Malta Football Association will support them in meeting these requirements.

It is also the objective of the Malta Football Association to ensure that all clubs are dealt with:

- In an efficient manner
- In a timely manner so that deadlines are kept

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- To be issued licences by set date.

It is imperative that together we constantly monitor and analyze the process for any possible changes and improvements which will render the process more effective, efficient and transparent. Furthermore any new rules and regulations will be communicated and discussed with all involved within reasonable time that these would have been communicated to the MFA.

The Malta Football Association is entrusted to ensure compliance with such regulations of FIFA and UEFA and our own statute and regulations. Our own process will be assessed annual against compliance standards set out by UEFA which are assessed annually by an independent certification body.

Furthermore, those clubs, which after obtaining the required UEFA licence and sportingly qualify to participate in a UEFA competition, are to fulfill the requirements as stated in the Club Monitoring Process whereby clubs have to confirm the club's position regarding any payables up to the deadlines that are set by UEFA.

We believe that this licensing system will form a firm foundation for continually improving football for all the parties involved. This will enable clubs to become more professional.

The Malta Football Association will keep all staff fully informed of our programme through briefings and staff notices, as it develops, and will ensure that all staff directly involved in the scheme are fully trained and aware of the tasks that they need to complete in order to ensure its success. The Association will ensure that all those involved in this process will follow the code of ethics as established by the Licensing Standard.

I look forward to receiving your support for this activity and I will welcome any suggestions that you may wish to make.

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