



Guidelines for Internal or External Transfer /Movement of players

Should any team/section, want another player who is already playing with another team/section within the Milton family, the following guidelines should be adopted.

SFA / SYFA / SWFA Regulatory Rules

It should be noted that no player at Children, Youth or Adult Level can be retained by a team against that players wishes. If a team refuses to release a player, that player can write to the appropriate association requesting that they are released from the team they are currently registered with. That player will then on most occasions have their registration cancelled by the association and they are then free to register with another team.

This is covered in the Rules and Regulations of the Scottish Amateur Football Association, and the Scottish Youth Football Association as follows:-

Scottish Amateur Football Association – Rule 41, Registration of Players

When a player and a club for which he is registered are unable mutually to agree to the cancellation of his registration, the player may apply to the Secretary of the relevant Association or League to have his registration cancelled. The Secretary of the relevant Association or League shall refer the matter to their Executive Committee who shall have the authority to sanction the cancellation of the player's registration provided that the player has met all his commitments to the club for which he is currently registered. The player will only be eligible to participate again in football after receiving written notification from the Secretary of the relevant Association or League.

Scottish Youth Football Association – Cancellation of Players Registration, Rule 73

When a player and a club for which he is registered are unable mutually to agree to the cancellation of his registration, the player may apply in writing to the Chief Executive to have his registration cancelled. In such circumstances, the registration shall be cancelled when a period of 28 days has elapsed from the date such application was properly lodged and provided that the SYFA is satisfied that the player has met all his commitments to the club. If the SYFA are not satisfied they will carry out an investigation. The player will only be eligible to participate again in football after receiving written notification from the Chief Executive.

Scottish Women's Football Association – Rule 17

When a player and a club for which she is registered are unable mutually to agree to the cancellation of her registration, the player may apply in writing to the Executive Administrator to have her registration cancelled.



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- (a) In such circumstances, the registration shall be cancelled when a period of 28 days has elapsed from the date such application was properly lodged and provided that the Association is satisfied that the player has met all her commitments to the club.*
- (b) If the Association is not satisfied it will carry out an investigation. The player will only be eligible to participate again in football after receiving written notification from the Executive Administrator.*
- (c) A player may only have her registration cancelled in such a manner, once per season.*

Milton Football & Sports Club's stance on this is that we will do what we can to release a player amicably from his registration and that the player will be wished all the best in his/her new team and that they will be welcomed back to Milton in the future should there be places available, and that they have not been asked to leave due to disciplinary issues / bringing the club into disrepute.

All kit that has been purchased by Milton must be returned, and all subs / levy be brought up to date prior to the player being released. In both the SAFA, SYFA & SWFA rules detailed above we are quite within our right to do this before releasing a player.

Player's Development

The Number 1 consideration should be the player's development.

Factors to be considered would be

1. Is the player consistently exceeding expectations or under performing at the level he/she is playing at?
2. Does the player need to be challenged by playing within another league of that age section (or adult team) or by playing at an age level 1 year above their own, or by moving to an adult team if the maximum age section has been reached?
3. Does the player need time to rebuild confidence and review their development by playing within a league that is less challenging than the one they are currently in?
4. Is the current level of coaching appropriate for the player's development?
5. Would the player benefit from playing within a different association, i.e. – Club Academy Scotland, Scottish Women's Football Association, Scottish Junior Football Association, Scottish Football Association?

Coaches Responsibility

The coach's first and most important responsibility is to consider the development of the player by taking into account the Player Development section detailed above. If a coach would like to either invite a player to join his team, or to recommend a player to another team, the coach must have a robust development plan for that player and be able to demonstrate to all parties involved that the recommended move is in the best interests of the player.



If a coach would like to discuss a potential player move the procedure for doing so is:-

1. A development plan must be prepared by the lead coach and reviewed by all coaches within the 'requesting' team.
(Requesting team is that which is asking for a player from another team or which is recommending a player to another team)
2. The lead coach from the requesting team should approach the lead coach from the 'receiving' team to discuss the requesting team's proposal. (The receiving team being the one which is being asked to take a player or to give up a player)
3. If agreement is reached between the requesting and receiving teams, the current teams coach should speak to the player and the player's parents if appropriate to discuss the requesting teams approach and why they are happy with the proposal.
4. Only after the current team's coach has spoken to the player will the 'new' team's coach then speak to the player and the players parents to fully explain their development plan for the player.

5. If agreement is then reached by all parties that a move is in the best interests of the player, the player should then be released by the player's current team and signed by the 'new' team.

Team's Requirements

All coaches should also consider the dynamics of the requesting and receiving teams.

1. Is there space available within either team for another player? If not is a potential swap an option if the move is between 2 teams of the same age group or an adult team?
2. Is there positional cover in the position of the moving player?
3. The proposed move is for the benefit of the player and the team – not with winning trophies at the forefront of the proposal.

Player and Player's Parent wishes

1. If, after listening to both coaches and seeing the development plan, the player, or player's parents if appropriate do not wish for their son / daughter to move teams, their wishes should be adhered to.



2. If a player or player's parents approach the lead to coach to be released, and after listening to the coach and seeing the development plan for the player, the player still wishes to be released, the player's current team should adhere to the player's wishes on the understanding that all kit purchased by the team for the benefit of the player should be returned to the team prior to release of the player. No move will be sanctioned unless all fees due are fully up to date.

Tournaments / Festivals

If a coach would like to borrow a player from another Milton team for a Tournament or festival due to his / her own squad being short of players, the lead coach (Team A) must ask the lead coach from the player's current team (Team B) for approval to use the player. Upon agreement from both teams, the player and player's parents, if appropriate, should then be asked if the player would like to play for Team A in the tournament / festival only. Upon completion of the tournament / festival the player will then return to play for Team B. There are no exceptions to this rule. If Team A would like to use this player for a longer term than the festival, Team A must adhere to all other sections of this guideline.

Fees received for Players moving to 'Pro Youth' teams

In the event that Milton Football & Sports Club receives compensation when a player signs for a Pro Youth club, 80% of the compensation payment will be retained by the 'central fund' of Milton Football & Sports Club and 20% of the compensation payment will be passed on to the section the player was signed from. In the event that the player played for different sections, i.e. moved internally within Milton Football & Sports Club, the Executive Committee will make a decision on the split of the 20% between the relevant sections.

Referral to the Executive Committee

Should any party (coach, player or players parents) fail to reach agreement on any of the principals detailed above the matter may be brought to the executive committee for discussion/resolution by way of notification in writing to the club secretary.