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Subject: Unregistered Players: Confidential

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Dear [REDACTED]

I write further to our recent discussions concerning clubs routinely allowing players to train and play without being registered.

1. Background

CFC is aware that the Premier League is considering its position regarding the matters addressed in our letters of 2 and 3 May 2017. In doing so, CFC respectfully submits that it is important that the Premier League understands that there is a widespread issue of clubs bringing players to play and train at their academies without registering them. In recent days CFC has spoken with its staff who work in the CFC Academy in order that it can provide the PL with some examples of the position. We would like to stress the following:

· CFC does not have access to the records held by the Premier League or by other clubs. The information set out below is therefore based on the understanding held by members of CFC's Academy and will need to be verified by the Premier League.

· As you will appreciate, it is not possible for CFC to be aware of all instances of academy players who are playing and training at academies unregistered. The examples set out below are illustrative, rather than comprehensive. It is CFC's belief that a far larger number of players have played and trained at academies without being registered.

2. Examples of players CFC understands attended academies in breach of the PLYDRs

Please find attached at Appendix 1 a table which breaks down, for each club, those players CFC understands have attended academies without

being registered. It will be noted that, in respect of a number of these players, CFC's understanding is that they were at the relevant academies for prolonged periods of time. Further, and where possible in the time available, we have gathered together open source material that evidences CFC's understanding in relation to these players. That material is contained in Appendix 2.

3. [REDACTED]

4. Player ID Cards

CFC is aware of the improvements the Premier League is seeking to make in respect of registration / playing of Academy Players. In particular, we note that there are currently plans to introduce player ID cards this coming season, which will prevent clubs from playing unregistered players. CFC has been a strong supporter of this and is fully behind of the improvements that the Premier League is seeking to make to this important area. It is however, in our view also in the wider interests of players, clubs and the league for us to debate whether the rules on registration of academy players can be improved for the benefit of all concerned. As you will be aware, CFC, in letters both from myself and [REDACTED], has set out its views as to the wider operation of the Premier League Youth Development Rules- principally PLYDRs 235 and 299 - and the unintended consequences in that might be brought about by them.

5. Next Steps

CFC urges the Premier League to give full consideration to the matters raised above. In CFC's submission this is a systemic issue, which ought to be addressed by the Premier League on a collective basis. It would neither be fair nor reasonable for CFC to be singled out in the circumstances.

In due course CFC would welcome dialogue with the Premier League and other clubs in order to address the issue. In the meantime please let us know if there is any further information that you require from CFC.

Best

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