



## Development Pot to promote Use of Young Players

The objective of the creation of a Development Pot is to encourage Clubs to give more playing time to young players by rewarding them for every appearance of such young players with their senior team.

The criteria on the basis of which the scheme will be implemented are the following:

1) Clubs will be rewarded with the amounts set out below, depending on the division in which they compete, **for every appearance of a young player** who is eligible to play for the national team.

2) **'Young player'** shall mean:

For the **Premier League**, any player who has not attained the age of twenty-one (21) years before the 1st of January 2021, and;

For the **Challenge League** and **National Amateur League**, any player who has not attained the age of nineteen (19) years before the 1st of January 2021.

3) The scheme applies for respective **league matches** only and shall run throughout the whole season. Matches played in the FA Trophy or other competitions are excluded.

4) **'Appearance'** shall mean playing time of at least 45 minutes in a Premier League match or Challenge League match or National Amateur League match.

5) The **amounts** paid to Clubs for each appearance as defined above shall be as follows:

- For Clubs in the Premier Division: €250 per appearance, up to a maximum of €9,000 per season per club. The potential total amount to be absorbed by the division is of €108,000.
- For Clubs in the Challenge League: €150 per appearance, up to a maximum of €5,000 per season per Club. The potential total amount to be absorbed by the division is of €110,000.
- For Clubs in the National Amateur League (NAL): €150 per appearance, up to a maximum of €4,000 per club per season. The potential total amount to be absorbed by the division is of €76,000.

The total amount allocated for this fund across divisions for Season 2021/22 is €294,000.

6) **Payment** to Clubs will be made at the end of the season. At that point, the Malta FA will be in a position to evaluate the success or otherwise of the scheme.