



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 any player who has not attained the age of twenty-one (21) years before the 1st of January 2020, and any player who has not attained the age of nineteen (19) years before the 1st of January 2020 for purposes of the National Amateur League clubs.
- 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 20 minutes in a Premier League match or Challenge League match and 30 minutes in any other league match.
- 5) The **amounts** paid to Clubs for each appearance as defined above shall be as follows:
 - For Clubs in the Premier Division: €150 per appearance, up to a maximum of €7,500 per season per club. The potential total amount to be absorbed by the division is of €120,000.
 - For Clubs in the Challenge League: €90 per appearance, up to a maximum of €4,600 per season per Club. The potential total amount to be absorbed by the division is of €69,000.
 - For Clubs in the National Amateur League (NAL): €120 per appearance to those clubs fielding an eligible player for at least 30 minutes in the NAL competition, €150 per appearance to those clubs fielding an eligible U20 player for at least 30 minutes in the NAL competition, up to a maximum of €4,200 per club per season. The potential total amount to be absorbed by the division is of €92,400. For the purposes of the NAL clubs U19 shall mean any player who has not attained the age of nineteen (19) years before the 1st of January 2020.

The total amount allocated for this fund across divisions for Season 2020/21 is €281,400.

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.