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# FIFA TRIAL RULES FOR UNDER-18S

What FIFA actually allows, on one page. Read it before your child travels anywhere.

Trials and transfers of minors are strictly protected by FIFA. These are the key rules every parent and academy should know.

## THE RULES

**1 No payment, ever**
Nobody may request, offer or receive any payment connected to a trial (RSTP art. 19ter). The club may cover travel and accommodation.

**2 Written parental permission**
A minor can only take part in a trial with the express written permission of the parents or legal guardian.

**3 Minimum age**
Trials for minors are possible only from the season of the player's 16th birthday (special rules can apply within Europe: ask your federation).

**4 Limited number and length**
Trials are limited in number per year and in length per club (8 weeks per club and season for players aged 21 and under).

**5 Declared by the club**
The club must declare the trial in FIFA's system before it starts. Ask the club to confirm this in writing.

**6 International transfers: 18+**
A minor can move to a club abroad only from 18, except in five cases: parents moving for reasons not linked to football, ages 16–18 within the EU/EEA, living within 50 km of the border, humanitarian reasons, student exchange.

**7 Agents and minors**
An agent may approach a minor only in the 6 months before the age at which he can sign his first professional contract, with prior written consent of the parents, and after FIFA's minors training.

**8 No agent fee for minors**
Agents cannot charge a fee for a minor, except when the minor signs a professional contract.

### BEFORE ANY TRIAL, ASK FOR

- ✔ An official invitation letter from the club
- ✔ Who pays travel and accommodation (in writing)
- ✔ Dates, duration and who supervises your child
- ✔ The agent's FIFA licence number and written agreement

⚠ Showcases and castings are not trials. No serious organiser asks families for a "trial fee".

**Parents: questions about your child?**
Parents of minors can write to us directly. We never charge players or families.

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Summary of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (RSTP, art. 19 and 19ter) and FIFA Football Agent Regulations (art. 13 and 14). FIFA updates these rules: always check the latest edition. Not legal advice.