



MALTA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PATRON: HE. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta

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To: Secretaries Member Clubs & Member Associations,
Head coaches Nurseries

Dear All,

The MFA recognises its responsibility to safeguard children and vulnerable adults who participate in affiliated football in Malta. Safeguarding children is of paramount importance and everyone involved in football can help to keep children and vulnerable adults safe.

At the MFA, we believe that one of the most effective ways to bring about the necessary change is through education. For the past year the MFA Technical Centre has provided safeguarding training to all coaches and administrators who participated in its courses. However, we are conscious that a lot more needs to be done to safeguard children and vulnerable adults in football.

The Protection of Minors (Registration) Act 2011 introduced obligations on organisations that work with children in Malta. It is a legal requirement to file a court application before employing anyone working with children. The MFA is implementing a new mandatory practice to ensure that throughout football we are meeting our legal obligations.

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You are therefore requested to complete the attached document and return it to the undersigned on andrew.azzopardi@mfa.com.mt by **9 September 2016**. Please include the details of the following paid staff or volunteers:

- Senior committee members
- Nursery committee members
- Any club or match officials
- Club administrators
- Nursery administrators
- All coaching and medical staff
- Groundsmen
- Staff or volunteers with duties at the club (cleaners, bar personnel etc)
- Drivers who accompany children (if employed directly by the club or organisation)
- Anyone else who has a direct role with children

On a final note, we want to thank the clubs who gave overwhelmingly positive feedback on the efforts of the MFA to create positive environments for children and vulnerable adults. If anyone has ideas or initiatives, they wish to implement please let us know. We also thank the clubs who invited us to speak to their staff on Safeguarding in Football. Any club interested in having such educational sessions please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours in football,

Andrew Azzopardi

Safeguarding Officer