



4th May, 2015

Circular No. 04/2015

To: All Club Chairmen

Dear Sirs,

PROHIBITION OF THIRD PARTY OWNERSHIP

The above subject refers.

By virtue of FIFA Circular No. 1464 (copy attached herewith) and the amendments to the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, FIFA has implemented a worldwide ban on third party ownership with effect from 1st May, 2015.

Also under the Framework and Rules of the Nigeria Professional Football League, the ban on third party ownership has already been implemented. According to article B9.34 *"No Club of the league shall enter into a contract with individual owners/third party owners for the services of any Player"*.

Note that the provision does not prohibit sell-on benefits and or training compensation, as provided under FIFA regulations, for amateur clubs and or academies, but not individuals.

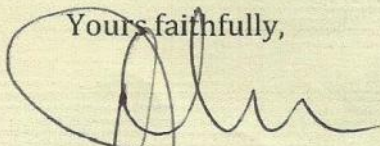
Furthermore, note that a situation where an academy or a football club that is not a member of the Nigeria Professional Football League purports to release a player on loan to a club in the League is prohibited under the League Rules. Article B9.32 provides as follows:

"No Club of the League shall enter into a loan contract with any Club that is not a member of or participating in the League, football academy or individual."


Therefore, as enshrined in article B13.59, applications for registration of players for participation in the League will not be honoured where they fail to meet the regulatory requirements, including those outlined above.

The above is for your information and compliance.

Yours faithfully,



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- 1. The General Secretary
Nigeria Football Federation**
- 2. The Secretary
Players' Status and Arbitration Committee, Nigeria Football Federation**
- 3. The Secretary
Disciplinary Committee, Nigeria Football Federation**
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- 5. The Secretary
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