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To: Regions  
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Dear Secretary

**IRB Warning Notice:- ALLEGED INTERNET FRAUD**

I attach a letter issued by David Carrigy, Head of External & Member Relations of the IRB for your urgent attention.

Please be guided accordingly and ensure this information is referred to all coaching staff and players, as soon as possible

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

MARTYN REES  
**Administration Manager**



To: **Secretaries/Chief Executive Officers of Unions and Regional Associations in Membership of the IRB**

From: **David Carrigy  
Head of External & Member Relations**

Date: **February 8, 2012**

Re: **WARNING NOTICE – ALLEGED INTERNET FRAUD**

Further to my letters dated December 18, 2009 and June 24, 2010, I am writing to confirm that the IRB continues to receive reports of internet scams targeted at players and coaches seeking roles with clubs and/or academies abroad. The nature of the latest alleged scam is set out below. The names of a number of Unions and affiliated rugby clubs have been used without their knowledge as part of this alleged scam.

The IRB wishes to ensure that every effort is made to protect players and coaches and would ask you (subject to applicable local laws) to place this notice on your web site:

*It has come to the attention of the IRB [and the Union] that a person or persons have been operating an internet scam targeted at Rugby players and coaches seeking positions abroad. The scam involves players and coaches being sent emails requesting the payment of a sum of money in respect of visas and playing licences at rugby clubs and/or academies which do not exist or are being misrepresented. Police in various countries have been alerted. The IRB would urge all players and coaches to verify the bona fides of clubs and/or academies prior to applying for positions and to exercise caution if requested to transfer money in such circumstances*

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Carrigy', is written over a light blue background.

**David Carrigy  
Head of External & Member Relations**