



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

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

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Re: **WARNING NOTICE – ALLEDGED FRAUD**

It has come to the attention of the IRB that a person or persons who appear to be operating out of Nigeria are purporting to represent themselves as Mr Ole Neilson (President of Danish Rugby Union) and/or Luc Baatard (ex-President of Swiss Rugby Federation). Both Mr. Neilson and Mr. Baatard had no knowledge that their names were being used for this purpose and are both greatly concerned.

The alleged scam involves players and coaches applying for positions in clubs and academies that do not exist. Some of the names used have been – ORC, Olen Rugby Club, LUC Rugby Academy, Swiss Rugby Union and Denmark Rugby Union. The players and coaches are asked to send money to a bank account to cover their visa costs.

The Danish and Swiss police are investigating this matter.

Should your Union feel it appropriate please provide this information to stakeholders involved in the Game in your territory so that further people do not fall victim to this alleged scam.

Yours sincerely,

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

**David Carrigy  
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