

Chelsea stars to take EasyJet flights to games and stay in budget hotels

Vocabulary Match

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| budget • | sanctions • | to ban • | merchandise • | to claim • | to ditch • |
| • to stop | • cheap | • penalties | • products | • to abandon | • to state |

Article

Chelsea Football Club players may be forced to take EasyJet flights to games and stay in budget hotels after team owner Roman Abramovich was slapped with sanctions.

The European champions are banned from selling home and away match tickets, as well as selling merchandise. The club are also not allowed to buy or sell players... or renew contracts for their current stars.

Sources have claimed that Chelsea have been given a £20,000 per-match spending limit for away games - meaning they will have to ditch the luxuries. One source told the Sunday People : “With the number of staff the club have and the hotels they stay in, that figure will be nowhere near enough to keep up the standards players are used to.

“Staff at the club are joking, but only half joking, that they’ll have to use Easyjet for away games.”

Quiz

1. What things are Chelsea FC banned from doing?
2. What do you think are the “standards players are used to”?

Conversation

A: Hey gaffer, what time does the team jet leave tomorrow?

B: Jet? Ha! Didn't you hear? We're taking the coach, and we leave tonight!

A: Eh? What about the hotel? I was looking forward to the sauna and jacuzzi...

B: Mate, we don't have time for a hotel. You'll have to sleep on the coach!

Discussion

1. Some footballers earn £250,000 a week. How would you spend that money?
2. What are some ways to save money and get good deals?
3. What did you spend money on when you were younger?