



Football Tasmania Event and Tournament Sanctioning Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of the Football Tasmania Sanctioning policy is to provide clarity, support, and guidance to Football Tasmania Associations and Clubs wishing to host events or activities outside the regular football/futsal season and/or outside regular football/futsal training and matches. Sanctioning is required for insurance, risk, referees and to allow Football Tasmania to appropriately manage other events concurrently. The insurance provided by Football Tasmania only applies to competitions and events sanctioned by Football Tasmania.

Scope:

This policy applies to Football Tasmania Associations, clubs, and association member clubs.

The following activities do not require sanctioning:

- Football Tasmania Competitions
- Football Tasmania Club/Association training

The policy applies to all football activities outside the regular football/futsal season and/or outside regular football/futsal training and matches and includes, but is not limited to, events and activities such as:

- Gala days, tournaments, charity events, festivals
- Pre-season "Come-and-Try" days
- School holiday camps
- Development Programs
- Clubs/Associations touring interstate/internationally
- Player, team or club participation in an event sanctioned by FT, another FFA Member Federation or the FFA; and
- Any event or activity which is not a normal winter football activity.

Benefits of FT Sanctioning:

- Public liability insurance cover;
- Personal injury insurance cover for participants, referees, and volunteers;
- Access to FT accredited referees;
- Risk support and information; and
- Member Protection and Child Protection support and information.

Process:

1. Clubs/Associations need to complete the [Sanction Application Form](#), inclusive of the competition regulations if needed, no later than 21 days prior to the event.
2. FT will review the sanction application form and will provide a response to the club/association within 5 working days of receiving the application.
3. If successful, the Club/Association will be required to provide a participant list, inclusive of Working With Children Checks, to FT a minimum of 7 days before the event.

Participants:

Eligible participant entry into a sanctioned event is limited to:

- FT Associations, their member clubs (i.e. grassroots clubs), and affiliated teams;
- FT Clubs and their teams;
- FT Futsal teams;
- Affiliated teams of FFA Member Federations.

All participants including, but not limited to, players, team officials, referees, and volunteers, must be registered on the National Registration platform (www.playfootball.com.au) for the current football season in order to be eligible.

Non-registered participants:

All players must be registered on the National Registration platform (www.playfootball.com.au), and registered under an outdoor football product for the current calendar year. and a participant list must be provided to FT 7 days prior to the event.

Football Tasmania will work with clubs to allow participants who are not currently registered to register under a separate product on PlayFootball, at a reduced cost.

This applies to participants involved in the following activities:

- Development Programs;
- Holiday Camps; and
- Tournaments.

Touring Permits:

Any Football Tasmania Club or Association that intends to participate in a football activity interstate or overseas, is required to complete the sanctioning form and provide a list of all participants via the Touring Permit Form [here](#).

Tournament Regulations:

Tournaments seeking sanctioning from Football Tasmania will need to provide an electronic copy of the rules and disciplinary regulations to Football Tasmania when submitting the application form.

The tournament's disciplinary regulations and minimum sanctions/suspensions must at a minimum match those in the [FT Competition and Disciplinary Regulations](#). Clubs/Associations may choose to remove the fine system from their regulations but must replace it with an alternative penalty. E.g., If the \$300 fine for receiving 5 cards in one match is removed, it may be replaced with a points penalty.

The tournament regulations must include a reference that all participants and spectators are required to abide by the [Football Australia Code of Conduct and Ethics](#), and the [Football Australia Spectator Code of Conduct](#).

Team/Participant nomination forms should also reference that participants are required to abide by the [Football Australia Code of Conduct and Ethics](#), and the [Football Australia Spectator Code of Conduct](#).

Discipline:

Tournament organisers will be responsible for all disciplinary matters that arise during the tournament. If support is needed, the organiser may reach out to Football Tasmania for assistance.

All disciplinary matters must be forwarded to Football Tasmania's competitions co-ordinator within 48 hours of the incident, inclusive of the sanction imposed on the participant/team.

Child Safety:

All Football Tasmania stakeholders have a duty to promote child safety within the sport of football. In accordance with the National Child Safeguarding Policy and relevant state legislation, FT stakeholders must enquire into the background of individuals they retain who undertake any work, coaching or regular unsupervised contact with people under the age of 18 years. In accordance with State Legislation and the FT Working with Children Check Policy, all coaches, managers, referees and any other persons in either a paid or voluntary capacity working or volunteering with children aged under 18 years must hold a valid Working with Children (WWC) Number. The only applicable exemption to these requirements is for workers and volunteers aged under 16 years.

Confirmation of Sanctioning from FT:

Upon approval of the sanctioned event:

- A copy of the approval confirmation will be emailed to the applicant.
- The organiser may begin promotion of the event.
- Promotion of FT Sanction approval, including the use of the FT logo is prohibited until an approval is confirmed in writing.
- FT must be notified immediately should there be any changes to those formally approved in the initial application process.

**Compliance:**

Event organisers who fail to follow the process set out above or fail to comply with this policy may be subject to disciplinary action by FT including, but not limited to, the following:

- FT removing the sanctioned status of the event and informing all participants of its decision; and
- Subject to the nature of the breach, FT reserves the right to reject future applications from the event organiser.