

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Football NSW (FNSW) Sanctioning policy is to provide clarity, support and guidance to FNSW Football Clubs, Football Associations and Futsal Clubs when hosting events outside the regular football/futsal season. Sanctioning is required for insurance, risk and football management purposes. The insurances provided by Football NSW only apply to events sanctioned by Football NSW

## SCOPE

This policy applies to FNSW Branches, Associations and clubs including Association member clubs and affiliates.

This policy covers all forms of events including, but is not limited to, activities such as:

- Gala days, tournaments, holiday clinics, camps, charity events, festivals
- Pre-season Come-and-Try days
- Summer Football events and competitions
- All events involving a jumping castle or amusement ride, including end of year presentations.
- Off-site Fundraising activities including Bunnings BBQs or similar
- Off-site club events or functions
- Alternative training activities that are not football activities
- Extended training requests
- Interstate tour permits
- International tour permits
- Participation in a sanctioned event
- Any event or activity which is not a normal winter football activity.

The intent of this policy is to ensure events hosted by FNSW clubs and associations can be covered by the scope of the FNSW insurance policies and to assess the risk and football management of such events.

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## BENEFITS OF GAINING SANCTIONING APPROVAL

- a) Public liability insurance cover;
- b) Appropriate participant, referee and volunteer insurance;
- c) Access to FNSW referees';
- d) Risk considerations; and
- e) Member Protection and Child Protection support and information.

## AIM OF SACTIONING

Eligible FNSW stakeholders that seek endorsement to conduct an approved Football NSW event are required to complete the online application form and upload supporting documents.

Eligible stakeholders include;

- FNSW Associations and their affiliates;
- FNSW Branches;
- FNSW Grassroots Clubs;
- FNSW Premier and State League Clubs;
- FNSW Futsal Clubs;

Grassroots football Clubs are required to seek the support of their parent Football Association when submitting the application documents. A copy of the online application will be automatically sent to the Club's Parent Football Association for approval.

The application documents will consist of;

- Part 1 Online Sanction Application Form; and
- Part 2 upload of competition rules and regulations and any additional required supporting documentation (for example, a Certificate of Currency).

Should a Football Association decline a sanction request and the club appeals the decision, both organisations are required to state their case to FNSW who will then make a final decision in relation to the sanction application.

Following the review of the application along with the competition rules and regulations (if applicable) and any additional supporting documentation, FNSW will contact the applicant regarding the application outcome.

Upon approval of the sanctioned event:

- a copy of the approval confirmation will be emailed to the organiser or their parent Football Association.
- the organiser may begin promotion of the event.

Note that promotion of FNSW sanctioning of the event, including the use of the FNSW logo prior to approval confirmation is prohibited.

Should the event require any additional changes to those approved in the application process, FNSW must be notified immediately.

Any event that includes MiniRoos Football age groups of U6 to U11 must apply the principles of FFA.

MiniRoos Club Football  
<http://www.miniroos.com.au>

## ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Eligible participant entry into a sanctioned event is limited to:

- Affiliated teams of an Association and Club;
- Affiliated teams of a FNSW affiliated club;
- Affiliated teams of FFA Member Federations;
- All participants including but not limited to players, team officials, referees and volunteers must be registered members of the current football season on MFC; and
- All participants from outside the host Association/Club must have approval from parent association or where applicable FFA Member Federation.

## COMPLIANCE

Organisers that fail to follow the processes, comply with the policies and or meet the required standards outlined in this policy document may be subject to disciplinary action which may include the following:

- a) FNSW removing the endorsement/sanction status of the event and inform all participating members

including but not limited to players, team officials, referees and volunteers;

- b) Subject to the type of offence – FNSW reserves the right to notify the event organisation; and/or reject future event applications of the applicant.

## FNSW POLICIES

In addition to complying with relevant FNSW rules and regulations, all organisers should be aware of:

- a) [Goalpost Safety Policy](#)
- b) [FNSW Hot Weather Policy](#)
- c) [FNSW Lightning Safety Policy](#)
- d) [FFA National Member Protection Policy](#)
- e) [FNSW Guidelines for Working with Children](#)

A copy of these policies can be found on the FNSW website.

## MEMBER PROTECTION

The FFA and FNSW have a duty of care to everyone associated with football and to the individuals and organisations to whom the national member protection policy applies. In accordance with the national member protection policy, Football NSW must enquire into the background of those who undertake any work, coaching or regular unsupervised contact with people under the age of 18 years.

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 complete this declaration and return it to their club, association, branch, futsal club or referee branch (as applicable).

Should a team official for the sanctioned event/gala day not be a regular team official and may not have supplied the association or club, they will be required to complete the form. Link below -

[FNSW Member Protection Declaration Form](#)

## CONSULTATION OR ADVICE

This Sanctioning policy has been developed to provide guidance for FNSW Members and staff regarding sanctioning. FNSW Members and staff who are unsure of their rights, liabilities or actions should seek clarification by contacting FNSW.

## **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

In this document the following words will have the following meanings:

Sanctioning is defined as follows:

Authorisation issued by Football NSW to its members to conduct an event that complies with the National Curriculum philosophies and principles together with the guidelines outlined in this policy.