

What is a Come & Try event

The purpose of a Come & Try event is to enable Clubs/Associations to introduce and attract new players to the sport.

An event can only be considered as a Come & Try event if conducted over one to two sessions in the lead up to a football season commencing, for example Summer, Winter, Futsal or Walking Football and is free for participants.

All Come & Try participants must complete the FNSW Come & Try Consent Form.

Come & Try Activities

Come & Try activities can:

- Be conducted as an individual event or attached to a registration day or as an added activity at another sanctioned event;
- Involve 'skills and drills' sessions; or
- Involve 'game play' activities – i.e. a 6-a-side MiniRoos type activity with 10-minute halves

Activities that can not be considered a Come & Try Event

- Come & Try events are not permitted to be run as a competition, tournament or competitive event.
- Activities that consist of more than two sessions.
- Activities that require a participant to pay for the sessions.

Requirements for the Come & Try Organisers

Sanction Application

As participants are non-registered players, all Come & Try events **must** be sanctioned.

Sanction application forms can be found on the Sanctioning page of the FNSW website

<https://footballnsw.com.au/sanction-information/>

Planning & Set Up

It is recommended that organisers:

- Conduct a risk assessment of the venue and the activity area to be used;
- Ensure the activity area is away from roads, car parks, traffic and other hazards;
- Assess spectator areas to ensure they are free of hazards and suitable for spectators;
- Select venues that have male and female toilets and a tap for water supply;
- Ensure any equipment being used is safe for use and is set up and used safely;
- Ensure portable gazebos (if used) are secured with pegs and/or weighted appropriately;
- Ensure that a first aider/first responder, first aid kit, ice and water are available at the venue;
- Use the [FNSW Risk Management APP](#) or [Event/Matchday Checklist](#); and
- Conduct the activity in accordance with the relevant [FNSW policies and guidelines](#) including, but not limited to, the FNSW Hot Weather Policy, the FNSW Lightning Policy, Sun Safe policy, Smoking Ban Notice, Liquor Licensing policy, Goalpost Safety Policy.

Participants

Organisers are required to:

- Obtain the name, address, DOB and parent contact details of each participant;
- Have a sign in/sign out process, if possible;
- Require participants (or parent if u18) to complete a Come & Try Consent Form (available on the Sanctioning page of the FNSW website);
- Allocate participants to appropriate age groups e.g. U8s, 8-11s etc.;
- Brief participants about their safety and any rules prior to participating;
- Provide shin pads for use by participants;
- Conduct skills and drills activities suitable for inexperienced players; and/or
- Conduct a MiniRoos or modified small sided format game play activity using small popup or inflatable goals;
- Closely supervise participants at all times ensuring adequate supervision; and
- Ensure participants are collected by a parent/carer and the participant knows the person collecting them.