

 <p>FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA</p> <p>Procedures and Policies</p>			
Subject:	Policy of Sanctioning Games between Affiliated Clubs and Non-Affiliated Clubs	Date Implemented	Nov 2014
Review:	Biennially	Date Reviewed / Amended	April 2026

1. Rationale

- 1.1. Football South Australia acknowledges that there are a number of clubs that are not currently affiliated to Football South Australia. Football South Australia is continually working with all non-affiliated associations to bring all clubs under the body of Football South Australia.
- 1.2. Football South Australia also acknowledges that the community-based clubs have formed relationships with Football South Australia affiliated clubs and associations and have developed strong links to promote football in their local area. To enhance these relationships there has been a request from a number of Football South Australia Affiliated Clubs and Associations to participate in pre-season games and/or charity events with clubs that are not affiliated to Football South Australia.
- 1.3. To address these requests this policy outlines the process that is to be undertaken if an Affiliated Club/Association seeks to play in a game against a Non-Affiliated Club or Association.

2. Sanctioning of Games between Affiliated and Non-Affiliated Club/Association.

- 2.1. The affiliated club/association is responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy, including providing this policy to the non-affiliated club/association and confirming agreement to all requirements prior to submission.
- 2.2. The Non-Affiliated Club/Association must confirm in writing to the Affiliated Club/Association that they have read the requirements for the sanctioning of the game and that they agree to the terms and conditions.
 - 2.2.1. It is the responsibility of the Affiliated Club to ensure each of its players, team officials and spectators are aware of and abide by these terms and conditions.
- 2.3. The Affiliated Club/Association must provide to Football South Australia a Sanctioning of Trial Match Form within the stipulated timeframe including written confirmation that the Non-Affiliated Club/Association has agreed to the terms and conditions outlined in this policy including an acknowledgment of their responsibility referred to at paragraph 2.2.1 herein.
- 2.4. All sanctioned matches must comply with the Football South Australia Competition Rules and Regulations, including any requirements relating to player eligibility, conduct, and match administration.

- 2.4.1. Football South Australia will be responsible for the appointment of all match officials. Only match officials that are registered with Football South Australia will be appointed.
- 2.4.2. The Non-Affiliated Club/Association is not covered under the Football Australia National Insurance Scheme. The Non-Affiliated Club/Association is responsible for ensuring it has appropriate insurance coverage, including public liability and participant coverage where required.
- 2.5. Football South Australia may request confirmation of such coverage prior to sanctioning the match.
- 2.6. Both teams must complete a team sheet and provide it to the appointed match official prior to the commencement of the match. Team sheets must accurately reflect all participants.
- 2.7. All players, team officials and spectators involved with the game are required to comply with all Football Australia and Football South Australia polices and competition rules and regulations including:
 - 2.7.1. National Disciplinary Regulations
 - 2.7.2. National Code of Conduct
 - 2.7.3. Football South Australia Competition Rules and Regulations
 - 2.7.4. Football South Australia Code of Conduct.
 - 2.7.5. Football South Australia Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy
- 2.8. Any disciplinary matters arising from the match involving affiliated participants will be managed in accordance with Football South Australia Competition Rules and Regulations and applicable disciplinary processes.
3. Football South Australia reserves the right to approve or refuse sanctioning of any match where it determines there are risks relating to safety, compliance, or reputational impact.
4. If sanctioning is not provided, the affiliated Club/Association is not permitted to participate in the match, and participation may be considered an unauthorised match under Clause 25 of the Football South Australia Competition Rules and Regulations and may result in disciplinary action.

Signatures:

Signed: 
Football South Australia President

Signed: 
Football South Australia CEO

*Next policy review date is:
July 2028*