

Overview

Any GAME type activity that involves players from more than one club, can only proceed if it is sanctioned by FFNC (and by the relevant zone where a club is affiliated outside FFNC).

There is no indemnity given by simply calling a friendly/trial a “social game” or any alternative label for the purposes of the terms of how an activity is sanctioned.

- 1.1 A written application for each friendly/trial must be submitted by using the completing the relevant JotForm.
- 1.2 FFNC must receive such application “not less” than 7 working days from the proposed fixture(s)**.
(**Friendlies/Trials hosted by a club that is NOT affiliated with FFNC requires at least 10 days notice).
- 1.3 Friendlies/trials between two FFNC teams require an application to be submitted from BOTH clubs.
- 1.4 FFNC will facilitate applications to NNSWF where applicable, upon receipt of a Friendly/Trial Application form from a FFNC member club.
- 1.5 Fixtures are only considered as being sanctioned when written approval has been issued by FFNC.

To make application to FFNC for a friendly/trial between clubs affiliated with an FA Member Federation, please use this link: bit.ly/FFNCfriendlies

Conditions relevant to participation in a Friendly/Trial

- 2.1 All players must be either registered or intending to register (for any club) in season 2026 to participate in a friendly/trial.
- 2.2 Red Card offences issued to FFNC participants in friendlies/trials will be assessed by FFNC and a suspension may be imposed at the discretion of FFNC.
- 2.3 Suspensions accumulated from past competitions cannot be served in friendlies/trials.
- 2.4 Suspended players ARE eligible for friendlies/trial games (UNLESS the sanction is a time suspension).

Appointment and Payment to Match Officials

- 3.1 Match Officials will be appointed by FFNC for friendlies/trials within the zone, where possible to do so.
- 3.2 Clubs MUST otherwise ensure that individuals who officiate as a Club Referee are reasonably able to do so. Centre referees organised by a club for SENIOR fixtures must be at least 18 years of age.
- 3.3 Match Officials must be paid in cash on the day of the friendly/trial(s).
- 3.4 Payment is to be consistent with the rates outlined in the 2026 Match Officials Payment Schedule
- 3.5 Payment is ordinarily shared equally by participating teams/clubs, however it is ultimately the responsibility of the HOME club to ensure that match officials are paid (in full) on the day.

Other Information

- 4.1 Sanctioning of a friendly/trial game is withdrawn if the ambient temperature during the fixture is at or above 34 degrees Celsius (senior games) or 30 degrees Celsius and above (junior games) (Refer NNSWF Hot Weather Policy).
- 4.2 Play must be suspended if there is any storm activity (specifically severe lighting) in the immediate locality (i.e. within 10kms). (Refer NNSWF Lightning Policy)
- 4.3 Match Sheets are to be submitted by each participating FFNC team/club for all friendly/trial fixtures played.