



MEMORANDUM

Reference: M21-06

To: Men's Clubs
From: Bobby Mazeveski - FSC Competitions Coordinator
Date: 15 December 2020
Subject: Trial Match Requests

Dear Member Clubs,

Please find below the Trial Match Protocol for Men's Football (i.e., Men's Premiership and Community League) for 2021.

Just to be clear, **all trial matches must be sanctioned**. Clubs found to be playing in unsanctioned trial matches are subject to fines and/or disciplinary action.

Trial Match Terms and Conditions:

1. FSC will look to provide clubs with referees where possible to all Men's Premiership trial games. Referees will be provided to Community League trials on request. Once these appointments have been finalised, they will be posted to the FSC Website | [Appointments](#). Clubs will be expected to provide volunteers where referees are not available.
2. The Trial Match Request Form must be submitted to Football South Coast a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the match dates. Failure to submit this form in time may result in match officials not being appointed or matches not being approved.
3. A team sheet must be filled out for each grade prior to each game and provided to the referee(s). These should be kept on file by the club for a minimum 3 months. FSC may request a copy of the team sheet where an injury claim has been submitted and/or a send-off or major incident has occurred at the match.
4. Players with carry over suspensions may be given authorisation to participate in trial matches. Clubs must write to FSC to obtain authorisation. Players cannot use the trial match to serve a suspension unless the player was suspended in an earlier trial.
5. We discourage teams taking gate at trial matches.
6. Both participating Clubs must comply with all Regulations of FIFA, the FFA, their member association and/or Football South Coast.
7. The opposing team (if from outside this association) must seek approval from their governing body to participate in the match.
8. Please note that for Outdoor Trial Matches, Saturdays will only be approved from the beginning of January.

Referee Payments:

1. Clubs may negotiate to go halves in the referee fees however it is ultimately the responsibility of the Home Club to pay the referees.
2. Payment of referees fees are to be made on the day of the match.
3. Should payment not be made as per clause 2, clubs will be invoiced the referee fees with clubs being subject to fines and repeat offences resulting in unsanctioned matches.
4. Where an official referee is not appointed, Clubs must negotiate with the volunteer payment prior to the fixture.

Resources

[Local trial match request form](#)

[Inter association trial match request form](#)

[Trial Match Referee Fees](#) *(based on the home/host club)*

Yours in football,

Bobby Mazevski

FSC Competition Coordinator