	Engagement of Third Party Providers – Sanctioning Requirements
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Background:

In the event that clubs engage with third party providers to provide football programs and training ('program'), in order to have insurance coverage via Football NSW (FNSW) policies, these arrangements will need to be sanctioned by FSC in order to be sanctioned by FNSW.

The following policy is to be used for FSC Management and the Board to consider when sanctioning association clubs to engage with third party providers of football programs who are (1) not providing their service on a voluntary basis and (2) not registered as a coach with the club.

FSC will sanction a third-party provider based on the following criteria, including but not limited to:

- Details of the program are disclosed including; nature of the program, funding of the program, frequency of the program.
- Coaches of the football program hold the appropriate and current coaching qualifications/accreditation for the age group in which they are operating AFC/FFA Advanced Youth C Licence or U5-U9 Years (FFA Mini-Roo's Certificate), U9-U12 Years (FFA Skills Training Certificate), (U13-U17 Years (FFA Game Training Certificate).
- Coaches and staff of the football program have a valid Working with Children Check in accordance with NSW legislation and have appropriate systems in place for the safeguarding of children and member protection requirements. Clubs will then be required to verify the checks as part legislative requirements.
- The organisation coaches have completed and provided evidence to FSC of the following online courses to ensure the safety and welfare of children and young people in football.
 1. The Play By the Rules online Child Protection Training Course.
 2. The Play By the Rules online Harassment & Discrimination Training Course.
- The organisation holds the appropriate insurance cover and has provided evidence to FSC (e.g. public liability, professional indemnity and personal accident).
- The club has advised FSC that it will be engaging with a third party providers as part of the annual Application Process.
- Football NSW or FSC may request further information in order to determine whether or not the program is able to be sanctioned by FSC and FNSW.

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Upon Sanctioning any Program:

- Prior to any football program commencing, the club must provide FSC with a full list of those coaches delivering the program
- FSC reserve the right to attend any training session at any time without notice to check the identity of the third-party organisations coaches to ensure they have been checked and verified by FSC.

Failure to Comply with this Policy:

- Will result in the club, players, spectators and committee members not being covered for insurance including public liability, professional indemnity and player injury
- May result in the club not being permitted to enter into FNSW competitions (e.g. Champion of Champions and State Cup competitions).
- May result in the club being charged for Misconduct under the FSC Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations