



The Newfoundland and Labrador

SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Event Sanctioning & Friendly Match Requests Policy

Rationale for Policy Implementation

This process is being put in place to safeguard the interests of NLSA member clubs and ensure all soccer-related activities within the province involving NLSA member clubs are conducted under consistent standards of safety, governance, and quality. By requiring sanctioning for events and friendly matches, the NLSA is better able to monitor compliance with Canada Soccer guidelines, promote fairness, and prevent unauthorized participation from non-member organizations. This ultimately contributes to the development of a safe and structured soccer environment that supports players, coaches, and clubs across Newfoundland and Labrador.

If you have any questions about this policy or require assistance with the sanctioning process, please contact competitions@nlsa.ca.

1. Event Sanctioning Application

If an NLSA member club wishes to host an event, the club must complete the Event Sanctioning Application form. (linked below).

There is **no fee** associated with submitting this form. The sanctioning process is in place to:

- Ensure a safe and well-coordinated event,
- Protect the welfare of all participants,
- Maintain compliance with Canada Soccer standards,
- Support and preserve the integrity of NLSA membership.

Important Notes:

- NLSA member clubs are not permitted to engage with or invite non-member soccer organizations for the purposes of soccer-related activities, including leagues, tournaments, festivals, or memorable events.
- Clubs or teams that are not members of the NLSA or Canada Soccer are not eligible to participate in sanctioned tournaments.

- This policy aligns with Canada Soccer's Club Licensing requirements and is designed to support a strong, unified membership base.
- Timeframe: Minimum three weeks or before registration begins (whatever comes first)
- Please note that submission of this form does not guarantee sanctioning approval. All required information and supporting documents must be submitted and approved a minimum of three weeks prior to the start date or before registration begins.

By submitting the Event Sanctioning Form, your club:

- Acknowledges and agrees to this policy,
- Confirms that no non-member organizations will be invited or permitted to participate in the event.

[**Event Sanctioning Application - Form Link**](#)

2. Request to Play in a Friendly Match

NLSA member clubs wishing to organize a friendly match must complete the Friendly Match Request Form (attached below). This form must be submitted prior to the scheduled match date.

There is **no fee** associated with this request. This process is intended to ensure the NLSA can uphold the safety, integrity, and operational standards of our membership.

The form is not required if the match is between two NLSA member clubs. A list of recognized member clubs is available on the NLSA website or by [clicking here](#).

However, this form must be completed if an NLSA member club is participating in a friendly match against a club affiliated with Canada Soccer or FIFA that is based outside of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Please note the following:

- Only NLSA member clubs may participate in friendly matches sanctioned through this process.
- NLSA member clubs are not permitted to engage in soccer-related activities with non-member soccer organizations.
- This policy is in accordance with Canada Soccer's Club Licensing requirement which states:

“Clubs do not interact with non-member soccer organizations for the purposes of soccer-related activities unless approved by governing organization(s).”

Timeframe: The form needs to be submitted three business days before the match date.

Any friendly match involving a non-member organization will **not be sanctioned** and may be subject to disciplinary review.

[Request to Play in Friendly Match - Form Link](#)