

## **MATCHES AGAINST FOREIGN CLUBS**

In accordance with FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches and FA Rule B.4 (b), any Football club (with a team of any age group) wishing to play a match or series of matches against members of another national association and/or in the territory of another national association must apply on the prescribed forms to The FA at least 60 days before the date of the intended match or series of matches, where possible. Applications which cannot be made by the deadline should still be submitted and The FA will endeavour to provide permission prior to the match(es).

Premier League and EFL teams should submit all applications directly to [sanctioning@thefa.com](mailto:sanctioning@thefa.com). All other teams should submit the form to their County FA, who will forward the application on The FA.

Any queries in relation to matches against foreign opposition can be sent to [sanctioning@thefa.com](mailto:sanctioning@thefa.com).

## APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN MATCHES AGAINST FOREIGN OPPOSITION

*Only for use by those that are **NOT** a Premier League or English Football League Club*

*To be completed in full and forwarded to the County Association to which your Club is Sanctioned/ Affiliated at least 60 days prior to the date of the intended match or the first of a series of matches.*

We ....., the applicant Club with Affiliation Number ....., wish to arrange the following match(es) against the following foreign team(s):-

Name of Club(s)/ Tournament	-First Team -Reserves -Age Group	Date of match(es) and kick-off time	Venue	Host Association	National Associations of Team(s)

*(If insufficient space, please provide a separate list along with this form)*

In submitting this application we acknowledge and confirm that in relation to the match(es)/ tournament for which consent to participate is requested we shall fully comply with the Laws of the Game and all FA Rules, Regulations, Procedures and Policies.

**In circumstances where the match(es)/tournament involves one or more youth teams, we additionally acknowledge and confirm the following:**

- o We shall fully comply with The FA's Safeguarding Children Policies and Procedures - <http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding>;
- o We shall at all times be responsible for the safeguarding and welfare of our Club's Officials, Players and Staff;
- o We hold written consents from the parents/carers of all young persons aged under 16 that will attend the match(es)/tournament. No young person shall participate in the match(es)/ tournament in the absence of such consent;
- o Where match(es)/tournaments involving young persons of school age are due to take place during term time, we hold written permissions from the head teachers of all young persons involved;
- o We have read and shall adhere to the Safe Sports Events, Activities and Competitions Guidance provided by the NSPCC, Child Protection in Sport Unit - <https://thecpsu.org.uk/resource-library/2013/safe-sport-events-activities-and-competitions/> and
- o We have satisfied ourselves that there will be an adequate Safeguarding Plan (compliant with the NSPCC's Safe Sports Events, Activities and Competitions Guidance), onsite emergency procedures and first aid provision in place to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants of the Club at all times during the match(es)/tournament.

If the Club requires safeguarding support please contact your County Welfare Officer.

Club Signatory .....Print Name .....

Email address ..... Date .....

### **TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

..... County Football Association hereby approves the above application to play against foreign teams.

Signed by the Secretary/Youth Secretary.....

Print name .....Date.....

Completed form to be forwarded to:

Licensing & Sanctioning Dept, The Football Association, Wembley Stadium, London, SW1P 9EQ, PO Box 1966

Email: [sanctioning@thefa.com](mailto:sanctioning@thefa.com) Tel: 0800 169 1863 x4601

## THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

### Application from a Premier League or English Football League Club wishing to participate in Matches against Foreign Opposition

To be received at The FA 60 days before the date of the intended match or the first of a series of matches.

FA Rule B 4 (b) and FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches shall apply.

All Clubs given permission to play matches against foreign opponents of another National Association shall ensure that, both on and off the field, members of the party uphold the prestige of The Association and of their Club and comply with all applicable Rules, Regulations and Policies including those of The FA and the Premier League or Football League.

..... Football Club ("the Club"), wish to arrange the following match(es) or tournament(s) against the following foreign team(s):

Name of Club(s)/ Tournament	-First Team -Reserves -Age Group	Date	Kick-Off	Host Association and Venue	National Association of Team(s)

**AGENTS** Please indicate whether the match(es)/tournament(s) listed above have been arranged by an agent.

Name and address of licensed agent .....

**TELEVISION** If your Club have entered into any contract which relates to the television transmission of the match(es) / tournament or part of it/them into the territory of the United Kingdom, or have any knowledge of any plans for such transmission, please complete the following:

- Have you retained the television rights for the match(es)/tournament? **YES NO**
- If "NO" to question 1 then who are the television rights holders? .....
- If you have entered into a television contract, does this contain the necessary UEFA/FIFA Regulations covering the authorisation for the exploitation of the Audio-Visual and Sound Broadcasting Rights?  

UEFA Article 48\*
Applicable FIFA Article\*
- Do you have any knowledge of any intention to transmit television pictures of the match(es) / tournament into the territories of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland? **YES NO**

\* As such Articles may be updated or revised from time to time.

**I CONFIRM THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO BE CORRECT AND THAT THE CLUB AGREES TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES OF THE FA AND THE PREMIER LEAGUE OR ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN RELATION TO THIS APPLICATION**

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Name (Print): ..... Position: .....

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