

All tournaments, festivals friendlies and competitions must be sanctioned by the affiliating County. This includes summer tournaments, mid-week competitions and charity games.

It is important to recognise that an un-affiliated tournament, friendly or competition renders a club's insurance invalid, with participating teams and referees at risk of not being covered by their existing public liability or personal accident cover.

Un-affiliated competitions are also not governed by the Amateur FA's disciplinary process which means players, coaches and referees are potentially at risk.

### **Benefits of sanctioning**

- Permitted to use registered referees (registered referees are not permitted to officiate in un-affiliated football)
- Coverage under club public liability insurance
- County FA approval of rules
- Ensure that the tournament meets AmateurFA safeguarding requirements

### **How to get your tournament sanctioned**

Please fill in the online form [here](#).

Each tournament costs £25.00 to sanction. Once we have approved your sanction, we will invoice you via Xero finance system.