



PLAYING FOOTBALL WITH A PROSTHESIS

APPLICATION FORM
SUPPORT NOTES

GUIDELINES

County Football Associations (CFA) can request a dispensation for a player with an amputation wishing to wear a prosthesis playing in FA sanctioned football matches.

1. GATHERING THE RELEVANT EVIDENCE

- An original letter from a rehabilitation specialist or specialist prosthetist confirming that the applicants participation in football using the prosthesis does not pose a risk to the player wearing the prosthesis.
- Detailed information about the prosthesis is submitted to The FA for the purposes of a risk assessment. This should include full technical details of the prosthesis along with detailed photographs and or video footage if necessary.

Gathered information should be sent to The FA who will work with an independent external specialist for advice and a decision.

2. ASSESSING THE APPLICATION

Once all the relevant evidence has been submitted to The FA, it will be considered by The FA's appointed medical advisor and/or a specialist specifically to assess the request.

A dispensation will only be granted if a player meets the criteria:

- (i) Detailed technical information which confirms the prosthesis does not pose a risk to the player following a risk assessment.

The FA's appointed medical advisor or specialist will advise The FA as to whether the criteria for granting the dispensation have been met.

3. NOTIFYING THE OUTCOME

The FA will notify the CFA of the outcome of the assessment. The decision either to grant or refuse the dispensation will be confirmed in writing.

4. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

When a dispensation is granted it will ordinarily be given for a stated period, usually one season. The dispensation is not transferable to another person. CFAs will need to reapply for the following season for a further assessment.

If CFAs receive any queries from third parties regarding the granting of a dispensation they should direct them to The FA.

The CFA should notify its insurers where a player has been granted a dispensation. The CFA may share any information contained within the notification letter and this Guide with their insurers.

GLOSSARY

- **Amputation:** congenital deficiency, or other limb affecting disorder
- **FA sanctioned football matches:** affiliated football that takes place in mainstream and disability specific environments
- **Risk assessment:** assessment will look at risk to others, such as screws & sharpe edges