



SANCTIONING TOURNAMENTS, FESTIVALS AND CHARITY MATCHES FAQS

IF YOUR CLUB ARE LOOKING TO HOST AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN A TOURNAMENT, FESTIVAL OR CHARITY MATCH, THIS MUST BE SANCTIONED BY THE COUNTY FA. AS AN AFFILIATED CLUB, YOUR TEAMS CAN ONLY PLAY IN SANCTIONED COMPETITION(S) OR MATCHES.

***Please note:** Affiliation to the County FA and/or subscription to your league does not cover you to host a tournament, festival or charity match.

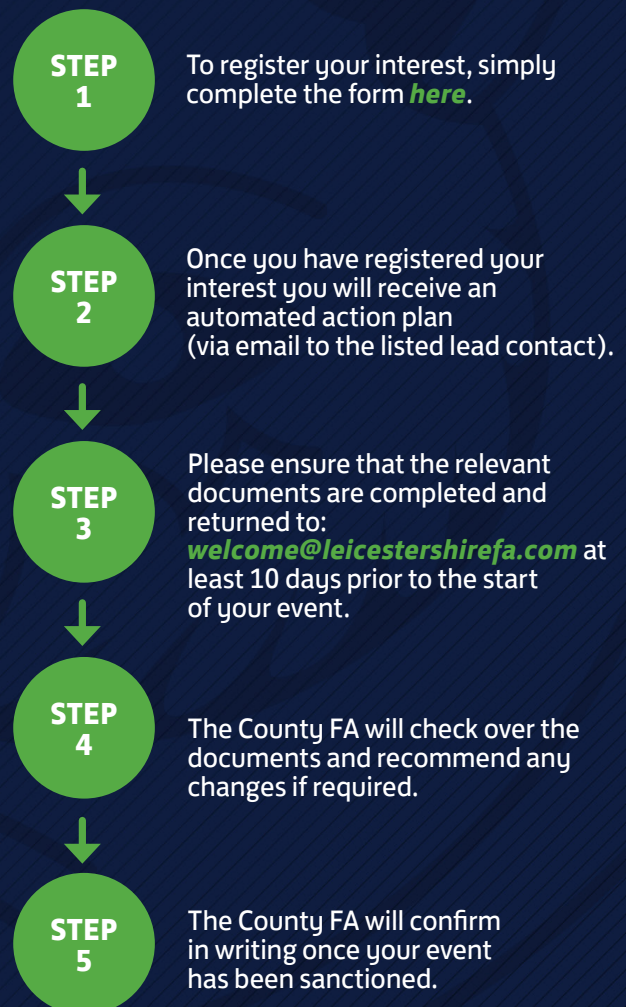
Why do you need to sanction a Tournament, Festival or Charity Match?

- Playing unsanctioned football is a breach of FA Rules. You cannot participate in any competition or match, unless this has been authorised by the County FA.
- The County FA need to check that all teams participating are affiliated to the County FA / check that they have the relevant insurance to take part.
- The County FA need to complete mandatory safeguarding checks on the coaches/managers involved and the appointed match officials.
- The County FA need to check the competition rules, to ensure that the competition is governed correctly.

What happens if a Tournament, Festival or Charity Match takes place without being sanctioned?

- Any club/team hosting and/or participating may be liable to a misconduct charge being issued.
- Playing unsanctioned football would mean the Public Liability and/or Personal Accident insurance held by the club/teams would be invalid.
- Any club/team hosting and/or participating would not be protected by FA Rules & Regulations. For example, the County FA would not be able to investigate any allegations of misconduct and raise charges in relation to this.

How do you sanction a Tournament, Festival or Charity Match?



FYI - Our **Grassroots notice board** found [here](#) will list every tournament that has contacted us to begin the sanctioning process. Please check whether your team is signing up for a registered tournament. If the tournament you are playing in is not listed then please contact Welcome@leicestershirefa.com and we will look into it for you.