



VENUE ACCESS POLICY

This Policy relates to member clubs' accessing of venues within the Association footprint – namely those normally utilised by another member club.

The Policy aims to reduce any potential conflict within the Association whereby more than one club is seeking to utilise the same football training/fixture venue.

Below is the adopted policy (steps) to be adhered to by member clubs when seeking to access a venue for football training/fixtures.

- One:** A club must use its best endeavours to accommodate its own football activities at its designated (traditional/historical) home venue(s) both in and out of season.
- Two:** In circumstances where a club cannot contain its own football activities to its designated home venue(s), it should seek (in the first instance) to try and locate a neutral venue. A neutral venue is a venue that is not the traditional (historical) home venue of a club in the membership of Football Canterbury.
- Three:** Where a club cannot obtain access to a neutral venue and seeks or is guided towards the home venue of another club, the club should approach the club whose home venue it desires to access.
- Four:** The club seeking to access another club's venue should then seek the consent/agreement of the other club to apply for access to the ground. Where agreement is reached, such should be advised to the Association in writing for record purposes.
- Five:** If the two (or more) clubs cannot reach an accommodation regarding venue access, either party may lodge a grievance with Football Canterbury. Under no circumstances should the club seeking access to another club's venue proceed to do so until Football Canterbury determines the grievance.

Penalty/Sanctions for Policy Breach

Whereby a club does not follow or acts in contravention to the five (5) steps above, it will be subject to (at the discretion of the Board) the following:

- a. Incur a financial fee no greater than (maximum) \$2,000.00 (plus GST).
- b. Ineligible to contest the Crystal Cup (club championship) for two (2) Winter outdoor seasons.
- c. Prohibited from entering teams in the State Cup and being eligible for consideration to participate in Champion of Champions for two (2) Winter outdoor seasons.
- d. Prohibited from entering teams in other external competitions conducted members of Associations that belong to Football NSW or Football Australia and/or being conducted by Football NSW or Football Australia.
- e. Dealt with additionally as the Board may determine.

It is acknowledged the landowners of venues utilised for football training/fixture activities are by large the local council. However, Association member clubs are bound by the constitution, rules, regulations, and policies as set by the Football Canterbury Board of Directors, and by the execution of the annual Application for Affiliation and Participation Agreement.

- Adopted: Board Meeting 7-2024 on 4 March 2024