

# **FOOTBALL FEDERATION TASMANIA**

## **CLUB REGISTRATION AS A SKILL ACQUISITION PROGRAM PROVIDER**

### **OVERVIEW**

The importance of focusing on skill development in the 9 – 12 years age groups is well documented and supported by sound educational research. Player growth and development, especially in this age range, is particularly open to the development of skills and technical qualities over physical attributes such as speed and strength. One of the key objectives of Football Federation Australia's National Football Curriculum is to provide for all players a structured, sequential and game-related program of development that is delivered by coaches using contemporary methodology that is task-oriented and player-centred.

By being a registered and endorsed provider of a Skill Acquisition Program within Football Federation Tasmania clubs have agreed to meet standards of service provision that contribute to the overall development of junior players and the game in general in Tasmania.

### **Registration and Endorsement Period**

Each period of endorsement shall be for twelve (12) months and shall be aligned with a calendar year. Clubs registering in 2017 for the 2018 year whose registration is approved and endorsed in 2017 shall be listed on the FFT website for the extended period up until the end of 2018 provided the club continues to satisfy the Program Criteria throughout the endorsement period.

Provided that endorsed clubs continue to meet the registration criteria subsequent yearly periods of endorsement shall be granted by FFT without the need for a re-registration process.

### **Removal of Endorsement**

An endorsed club that fails to meet the required criteria and standards at any time during the Endorsement Period shall be advised by the FFT Skill Acquisition Phase Manager that a lapse(s) in the terms of endorsement have been identified and the club shall be granted a period of two weeks from the date of notification to attend to the lapse(s). Should the identified matters not be addressed to the satisfaction of FFT then the club name shall be removed from the list of service providers on the FFT website. The club shall also advise all users of their program that such endorsement by FFT no longer applies.

### **Cost of Registration**

There is no fee payable to Football Federation Tasmania associated with registration and endorsement of Skill Acquisition Phase programs.

### **Criteria for Registration**

Clubs wishing to be endorsed as a Skill Acquisition Phase program provider must meet the following Program Conditions and other listed requirements to the satisfaction of FFT's Technical Department.

#### **PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

- A club's SAP program must be open to all junior players between 8 and 12 years of age. Participants in a club's SAP Program are not required to become a member of that club.
- Club SAP programs shall be conducted under the format recommended by the FFA's National Football Curriculum, using 6-week cycles as the basis for a year-round program of development. The club shall offer SAP programs for a minimum of six (6) cycles per year.
- Club SAP programs shall operate on a minimum of a two sessions per week basis.
- Club SAP programs shall operate with a minimum of 1 coach to every 12 player registered and participating.
- Club SAP program sessions shall be appropriately timed in length to meet the developmental ages of participants. In general,

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| U9 & U10 | 45mins           |
| U11      | 45 - 60mins      |
| U12      | 60 mins - 75mins |

#### **PERSONS RESPONSIBLE**

- The SAP program is to be overseen by an accredited, registered coach who shall assume responsibility for all aspects of the program including planning, documentation, administration and conduct. This person shall be known as the Club SAP Coordinator. The responsible person shall hold as a minimum level of accreditation, an FFA Advanced C Licence (Youth or Senior) and shall be required to attend SAP Development Workshops conducted by FFT staff throughout the year.
- All SAP programs conducted by a club shall be based upon the FFA's National Football Curriculum philosophy for the Skill Acquisition Phase of development. The club SAP coordinator shall be responsible for documentation associated with each of the SAP cycles and is required to make copies of the planned program available to FFT staff as requested. A proforma, cycle planning document that may be used as the basis for a club's cycle planning is attached to this document.
- The club SAP coordinator shall attend regular meetings with the FFT Skill Acquisition Phase Manager in order to discuss matters related to the provision of services that promote the SAP.

- All SAP program coaches are to registered and hold a minimum coaching accreditation of a Skill Training Certificate.

#### **PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS**

- Endorsed clubs shall participate in the FFT SAP Festivals conducted at regular times during the season by FFT or may enter other FFT approved junior tournaments.

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Clubs agree to disclose their SAP program fees and services to FFT and agree to the public documentation of the fees and services on the FFT website as a part of the SAP Program Endorsement page. Adjustments to club SAP program fees or services must be communicated to the FFT Skill Acquisition Manager as soon as possible.
- Club SAP programs shall conduct parent education sessions to inform, update and engage parents in the program's overall purpose and provide guidelines on desired parent and spectator behaviour at trainings, club matches and festivals. A program of such club sessions is to be communicated to the FFT Skill Acquisition Phase Manager.
- Clubs conducting a SAP program must obtain and maintain any or all types or amounts of insurance as appropriate for the legal and ethical conduct of the SAP program. Evidence of currency of insurance forms a part of the application for endorsement.
- A register of enrolled participants in a club's SAP program must be maintained by the club and must be made available to FFT as and when requested.