

Question: How do Standing Committees work?

Standing Committees continue to be a connection point to broader Football NSW (**FNSW**) strategic planning, with a FNSW director and a FNSW employee experienced in the relevant matters at hand continuing to attend the meetings of all Standing Committees.

At each meeting, the FNSW employee will act as 'minute taker', prepare meeting notes which will be distributed to all Standing Committee members and to the Board, and will provide recommendations from the Standing Committee to the Board for review and consideration.

Question: What happens to the current members of the Standing Committees?

The terms of office of current Standing Committee members (and the entitlement of the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those Standing Committees to be voting members of FNSW) ceases on 31 December 2021.

A Standing Committee member is ineligible to serve more than four consecutive terms on any Standing Committee. Any terms served prior to 1 January 2016 do not count towards this term limit.

Once nominations have been received and appointments made to Standing Committees, the Standing Committees will need to meet to elect Chairs and Deputy Chairs who will then be invited to become registered voting members of FNSW and will, among other things, be entitled to attend, speak and vote at general meetings of FNSW.

A member of a Standing Committees is ineligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as either Chair or Deputy Chair of a Standing Committee. Please note that some current Chairs and Deputy Chairs may be affected by this. Please contact FNSW if you wish to clarify your individual circumstances. Any terms served prior to 1 January 2016 do not count towards this term limit.

A Standing Committee member who is a voting member of FNSW by virtue of being nominated to apply for membership by their metropolitan Association, Branch or Inter-Club Zone is not entitled to be elected as the Chair or Deputy Chair of any Standing Committee.

Question: Who sits on each Standing Committee?

The Board remains of the opinion that the Nominated Members of each Standing Committee should come from different roles within the football community and comprise a broader basis of specialists acting in the best interests of FNSW and its stakeholders. The Board continues to believe that it is important to ensure that Nominated Members have the appropriate skill set to be able to contribute to strategic matters relevant to that Standing Committee.

NPL Men's Standing Committee

The NPL Men's Standing Committee will comprise one person nominated by each of the NPL Men's Clubs, being a total of 12 Nominated Members.

League One Men's Standing Committee

The League One Men's Standing Committee will comprise one person nominated by each of the League One Men's Clubs, being a total of 12 Nominated Members.

League Two Men's Standing Committee

The League Two Men's Standing Committee will comprise one person nominated by each of the League Two Men's Clubs, being a total of 12 Nominated Members.

League Three Men's Standing Committee

The League Three Men's Standing Committee will comprise one person nominated by each of the League Three Men's Clubs, being 12 Nominated Members.

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Women's Standing Committee

The Women's Standing Committee will comprise not less than six but not greater than eight Nominated Members.

At least 50% of the members of the Women's Standing Committee must be female.

The preferred composition of the Women's Standing Committee is as follows:

- (a) no more than two persons who play for, coach, manage or administer a Women's team or Club in an Association Zone or Branch Zone competition, or who have done so in the last 12 months;
- (b) no more than two persons who play for, coach, manage or administer a Women's premier league or state league Club, or who have done so in the last 12 months;
- (c) no more than two persons who play for, coach, manage or administer a Women's team or Club in the State (at any level), or who have done so in the last 12 months; and
- (d) no more than two persons who play for, coach, manage or administer a Women's team or Club in the State (at any level), or who have done so in the last 12 months.

Futsal Standing Committee

The Nominated Members of the Futsal Standing Committee will comprise no more than eight persons who have each been nominated by two Futsal Clubs or Futsal Centres.

Associations Standing Committee

The Associations Standing Committee will comprise one person nominated by each of the metropolitan Associations and one person nominated by each of the Branches, being a total of 18 Nominated Members.

Coaches and Technical Advisory Panel

The Coaches and Technical Advisory Panel will comprise a maximum of six Nominated Members nominated by two Eligible Nominators and a minimum of two Appointed Members.

The preferred composition of the Coaches and Technical Advisory Panel is as follows:

- (a) at least two persons who have an "A" license, "B" license or "C" license for coaches (or the equivalent thereof);
- (b) no more than one person who has a "goalkeeper" diploma;
- (c) at least one person who has a "junior" license, "youth" license or a "grassroots" licence (or the equivalent thereof);
- (d) at least one person who coaches a Women's football team in the State (at any level), or who has done in the last 12 months; and
- (e) no more than one person who coaches a futsal team in the State (at any level) or who has done so in the last 12 months.

Referees Advisory Panel

The Referees Advisory Panel will comprise not less than six but not greater than eight members.

The Referees Advisory Panel will comprise a maximum of two Nominated Members and a minimum of four Appointed Members.

The preferred composition of the Referees Advisory Panel is as follows:

- (a) at least two persons who hold Level 1 Referee accreditation and have officiated at FIFA or national level, who have been nominated by two Eligible Nominators;

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- (b) at least one person who holds Level 1 Referee accreditation and has officiated at premier league or state league level (men's or women's), who has been nominated by two Eligible Nominators;
- (c) at least one person who holds Level 3 Referee accreditation and is a member of a Referees Body, who has been nominated by two Referees Bodies as Eligible Nominators; and
- (d) no more than one person who holds Level 3 Futsal Referee accreditation and officiates for the NSW Futsal Referees Association, or who has done so in the last five years, who has been nominated by the NSW Futsal Referees Association.

Question: How many times will the Standing Committees meet?

The Standing Committees will meet at least three times a year to discuss strategic matters which are relevant to the aspects of the game with which each Standing Committee is concerned.

Question: What powers do the Standing Committees have?

The Standing Committees will act as advisory bodies, to focus on the strategic direction of FNSW (rather than concentrating on operational issues) and will have the ability to make recommendations to the Board.

The Standing Committees will also determine how their Chairs and Deputy Chairs are to exercise their votes as voting members of FNSW, with all decisions of Standing Committees to be made by majority.

Question: Who are the voting members of Football NSW?

The Chair and Deputy Chair of each Standing Committee will be invited to become voting members of FNSW.

The other voting members of FNSW are the delegates of each metropolitan Association and Branch and the representatives of the Inter-Club 1 Zone Council and the Inter-Club 2 Zone Council.

If you have been elected or nominated by a metropolitan Association, Branch or Inter-Club Zone to become a voting member of FNSW, you remain eligible to join a Standing Committee, however, you are not eligible to be elected Chair or Deputy Chair of that Standing Committee (and vice-a-versa).

Question: How long can a member sit on a Standing Committee

Members of Standing Committees are entitled to serve for a term of up to two years and are eligible for re-appointment for three further terms. The term of the next set of members of Standing Committees will commence on 1 January 2022 and expire on 31 December 2023.

However, as stakeholders are aware, due to a restructure of the Football NSW Men's Competitions, the Football NSW League Three Men's Competition (formerly, the NPL 4 Competition) will cease to exist at the end of the 2022 season.

Consequently, as advised [separately](#), a number of amendments will need to be made to the Football NSW Constitution and to the Football NSW By-laws ahead of the 2023 season to reflect this change, including removing the League Three Men's Standing Committee.

In addition to this, FNSW is in the process of a Constitutional Review and Governance Improvement Project which may also impact the Standing Committees and Inter-Club Zone Councils.

Therefore, all nominees for Standing Committees and the Inter-Club Zone Councils (in particular those intending to stand for Chair or Deputy Chair) should be aware that the above may result in a reduction in the terms of office of Standing Committee and Inter-Club Zone Council members and a reduction in the period for which the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Standing Committees and Inter-Club Zone Councils will remain voting members of FNSW.

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Question: Are there any conditions to being a member of a Standing Committee?

A person is eligible to be a Nominated Member of a Standing Committee if:

- (a) they are 18 years of age or over;
- (b) they undertake to be bound by the Standing Committee Code of Conduct;
- (c) they reside in the State (as defined in the FNSW By-Laws); and
- (d) they are nominated by Eligible Nominators in accordance with the By-Laws.

Question: How do I become a member of a Standing Committee?

FNSW has prepared and issued a document entitled “Standing Committee Member Nomination Guidelines” which explains the nomination process. That document is available on our website: [click here](#). The deadline for the receipt of nominations is **5.00pm on Thursday, 18 November 2021**.

In the case of nominations for the **NPL Men’s Standing Committee**, the **League One Men’s Standing Committee**, the **League Two Men’s Standing Committee**, the **League Three Men’s Standing Committee** and the **Associations Standing Committee**, the nomination form must be signed by the nominee and by one Eligible Nominator, being the relevant Club, metropolitan Association or Branch (as applicable).

For the **Coaches and Technical Advisory Panel**, the **Women’s Standing Committee**, the **Referees Advisory Panel** and the **Futsal Standing Committee**, the nomination form must be signed by the nominee and by the relevant Eligible Nominator(s).

Question: Has the process for selecting members of Standing Committees changed?

There has been no change in process for selecting members of Standing Committees since the Standing Committees.

Please note though that in the case of the **Coaches and Technical Advisory Panel**, the **Women’s Standing Committee**, the **Referees Advisory Panel** and the **Futsal Standing Committee**, nominees for positions on those four Standing Committees must, along with the nomination form, submit a short biography about themselves which includes brief responses addressing the Selection Criteria (no more than 1,000 words in total).

In the event the number of valid nominations for Nominated Member positions exceeds the number of positions to be filled on those four Standing Committees, an independent Nominations Committee will consider each nominee and assess their compliance with the Selection Criteria. The Nominations Committee comprises the independent members of the Football NSW Legal & Regulatory Committee.

Question: Who can I contact if I have further questions?

Any questions in relation to Standing Committees and the Inter-Club Zone Councils should be directed by email to:

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