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Dear Stakeholder,

GOVERNANCE UPDATE AND MARCH 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We write to you to advise you of some recent amendments to the Football NSW By-Laws (**By-Laws**) which will impact the Competitions-based Standing Committees and the Inter-Club Zone Councils and to provide an update on the Football NSW Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) in respect of the 2021/22 financial year.

Amendments to By-Laws

At the AGM on 25 March 2022, Members approved amendments to the Football NSW Constitution (**Constitution**) to reflect the move from a four-tier to a three-tier Men's Competition through the abolition of the League Three Men's Competition, which made redundant the League Three Men's Standing Committee.

The amendments made to the Constitution necessitated the making of corresponding amendments to the By-Laws.

The key amendments to the Constitution and the key corresponding amendments to the By-Laws may be summarised as follows:

1. The **League Three Men's Standing Committee** is dissolved and replaced by the **NPL Women's & League One Women's Standing Committee**;
2. The **NPL Women's & League One Women's Standing Committee** is to have two votes;
3. The **NPL Women's & League One Women's Standing Committee** is to be made up of representatives from the Clubs competing in those two Competitions. For the 2023 season, this Standing Committee will therefore consist of up to 27 members, representing 13 of the 14 Clubs competing in the **NPL Women's Competition** (that is, the 14 Clubs less the Football NSW Institute team) and the 14 Clubs competing in the **League One Women's Competition**;
4. The maximum membership of the three remaining Men's Competitions Standing Committees is to be expanded from 12 to 16 to reflect the change in competition structures which came into effect for the 2023 season;



5. The **Inter-Club 1 Zone Council**, instead of being comprised of representatives of the Clubs competing in the top two tiers of the Men's Competitions, is to be comprised of representatives of all Clubs competing in the three Men's Competitions. For the 2023 season, this will be a maximum of 47 representatives; and
6. The **Inter-Club 2 Zone Council**, instead of being comprised of representatives of the Clubs competing in the two lowest tiers of the Men's Competitions, is to be comprised of representatives of all Clubs competing in the **NPL Women's Competition** (less the Football NSW Institute team) and the **League One Women's Competition**. For the 2023 season, this will be a maximum of 27 representatives, that is, the representatives of the 13 Clubs competing in the **NPL Women's Competition** (the 14 Clubs less the Football NSW Institute team) and the representatives of the 14 Clubs competing in the **League One Women's Competition**.

A small number of housekeeping amendments were also made to the By-Laws.

In accordance with the requirements under the Constitution, all amendments to the By-Laws have been approved by both the Football NSW Board and Football Australia and came into effect on 16 January 2023.

Available here is a copy of the amended By-Laws – click [here](#).

Available here is a marked-up copy of the amended By-Laws reflecting the recent amendments – click [here](#).

Please note that, as a consequence of the establishment of the new structure summarised above, and following the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, a number of Clubs will be required to submit fresh Nomination Forms for their representatives on the relevant Standing Committees and Inter-Club Zone Councils.

For clarity, the following Clubs will need to submit fresh nomination forms to Football NSW:

1. The **four new Clubs** competing in the **NPL Men's Competition** will need to submit a fresh Nomination Form for their respective representatives to join the **NPL Men's Standing Committee**;
2. The **eight new Clubs** competing in the **League One Men's Competition** will need to submit a fresh Nomination Form for their respective representatives to join the **League One Men's Standing Committee**;
3. The **11 new Clubs** competing in the **League Two Men's Competition** will need to submit a fresh Nomination Form for their respective representatives to join the **League Two Men's Standing Committee**;
4. The **Men's Clubs** that were previously members of the **Inter-Club 2 Zone Council** and which are now members of the **Inter-Club 1 Zone Council** (see Point 5 above) will need to submit a fresh Nomination Form for their respective representatives to join the **Inter-Club 1 Zone Council**;



5. The **13 Clubs** competing in the **NPL Women's Competition** (that is, 14 Clubs less the Football NSW Institute team) and the **14 Clubs** competing in the **League One Women's Competition** will need to submit a Nomination Form for their respective representatives to join the **NPL Women's & League One Women's Standing Committee** and a separate Nomination Form for their respective representatives to join the **Inter-Club 2 Zone Council**.

To Note

- Membership of Standing Committees and Inter-Club Zone Councils is not compulsory but is strongly encouraged.
- A Club may nominate the same person as its representative on both the relevant Standing Committee and the relevant Inter-Club Zone Council **but** persons nominated as voting members of Football NSW by an Inter-Club Zone Council are not eligible to be the Chair or Deputy Chair of a Standing Committee (and vice-a-versa).
- While an individual can sit across both a Standing Committee and an Inter-Club Zone Council, an individual cannot sit across two Standing Committees. Therefore, where a Club has the right to, for example, nominate a representative to the NPL Men's Standing Committee **and** the NPL Women's Standing Committee, that Club **cannot** nominate the same person as its representative on both of those Standing Committees.
- Nomination Forms are available from the Football NSW website – click [here](#).
- The person signing the Nomination Form as the Club's authorised representative must be someone other than the nominee.
- Nomination Forms are to be completed and returned to Football NSW **by 5.00pm on Monday, 30 January 2023**.
- Completed Nomination Forms are to be sent to standingcommittees@footballnsw.com.au.
- The reason for the short turn-around time for the submission of Nomination Forms is that the members of the **NPL Women's & League One Women's Standing Committee** and the members of the **Inter-Club 2 Zone Council** will need to meet urgently in order to elect their respective Chairs and Deputy Chairs (who will then become voting members of Football NSW) so that those individuals will have sufficient time to nominate candidates to stand for election as Elected Directors at the upcoming AGM, should they wish to do so.
- With Inter Lions FC moving from the League Two Men's Competition to the League One Men's Competition (and therefore, from the League Two Men's Standing Committee to the League One Men's Standing Committee), the position of Deputy Chair of the **League Two Men's Standing Committee** has become vacant and will need to be filled urgently for the same reason as stated above.
- Accordingly, Football NSW management will convene meetings of the **NPL Women's & League One Women's Standing Committee**, the **Inter-Club 2 Zone Council** and the **League Two Men's Standing Committee** in early February 2023.



- After the Notice of AGM is issued, all Standing Committees and Inter-Club Zone Councils will need to meet to determine how their Chairs and Deputy Chairs are to vote on matters to be tabled at the AGM. Those meetings will take place in mid to late March 2023.

Football NSW Annual General Meeting

The Football NSW AGM in respect of the 2021/22 financial year will take place at **6.00pm on Thursday, 30 March 2023** at Valentine Sports Park.

At this AGM, there will be elections for **three** Elected Director positions with the current terms of Directors Fiona Lang, Morris Iemma and Brett Mitchell coming to an end at the conclusion of this AGM.

The terms of the individuals elected as Elected Directors at this AGM are for four years.

More information about Director elections, including a copy of the relevant Nomination Form, will be circulated shortly.

In the meantime, Football NSW wishes you a successful New Year and looks forward to working with you in 2023.

If you have any questions in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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