## **Standing Committee Recommendation**

To:

Chief Executive Officer

From:

**NPL Standing Committee** 

Date:

18/8/2019

### Recommendation (provide a detailed description of the recommendation)

JNPL to consist of two leagues. In essence JNPL1 and JNPL2. Leagues to be configured to create closer competition year round.

Option 1 All JNPL teams to be "recoupled" with senior NPL teams.

Option 2 Leagues arranged as per finishing position from Championship rounds 2019, before breaking into final divisional stages.

**Describe the Issue or Idea** (give a concise description of the issue focussing particularly on the problems that are being experienced)

Standard of competition has been affected by the introduction of extra team's into the JNPL. Club's that don't have the desire, infrastructure to progress to Senior NPL level have diluted the talent pool of the JNPL, which is supposed to be an elite competition.

Large score lines are not uncommon and do not help with the development of young players (in fact it does more harm, with the potential for kids to leave the game, or clubs having to pull teams out of the competition, e.g. JCFC U16's JNPL team 2019)

With the introduction of the extra teams byes have become more prevalent, players need more games to develop.

Major stress placed on Senior NPL club's, teams are not all playing at the same venue, TD can't attend all games weekly so how can development be monitored effectively, volunteers are stretched, family are missing out on children's games if more than one child in different age groups.

Kid's are club hopping, just to say they are playing NPL, which leads to further complications going forward. By not staying with the one club and developing into senior players, the standard at that level will drop too. No loyalty also makes it hard for Senior NPL clubs in respect to the PPS.

Describe the benefits of Football West implementing the Recommendation

More game time for all JNPL players, less byes throughout the season.

More competitive matches for all teams.

TD's are able to assess the development of all players consistently and effectively. Able to assist all coaches weekly during matches.

### List the Clubs or Club Associates that have been consulted in reaching the recommendation

- All Senior NPL clubs
- Phil Kelly and a select few from State League 1, who attended a meeting about this subject

Signature

Date

<Name of Chair>

Standing Committee Chair
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# PROPOSED STRUCTURE 2020

#### PHASE 1

Teams in NPL 1 and NPL 2 are selected based on their performance in 2019 season.

The rankings are calculated using the Football West seeded formula of the accumulated 13's to 16's age groups.

NPL 1	11 Teams	10 Home & 10 Away	20 Games
NPL 2	11 Teams	10 Home & 10 Away	20 Games

#### PHASE 2

Division selection is determined on where each team finishes in NPL1 and NPL2 after 20 games.

#### Division 1

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#### Division 2

NPL 1	<b>5 Teams (10 Teams in total)</b> Bottom 5 Teams after 20 Games in Phase 1	*5 Home & 4 Away	9 Games 29 Games Total
NPL 2	5 Teams (10 Teams in total)** Top 5 Teams after 20 Games in Phase 1	4 Home & 5 Away	9 Games 29 Games Total

<sup>\*</sup>Preference is for more home games for the higher ranked teams

#### Division 3

<sup>\*\*</sup>Possibility of 5 Teams from NPL 2 to be promoted

## **STRUCTURE IN 2021**

#### Phase 1

NPL 1 - Teams will be determined by the 2020 Top 6 in Division 1 plus Top 5 teams in Division 2 using the Football West seeded formula of the accumulated 13's to 16's age groups on the completion of Division 2 games.

NPL 2 - Teams will be determined by the 2020 Bottom 6 in Division 2 plus all the top 5 teams in Division 3 using the Football West seeded formula of the accumulated 13's to 16's age groups on the completion of Division 2 games.

# Potential promotional/relegation possibilities

The bottom team in Division 3 will face relegation should a State League 1 Team who has passed the criteria for selection is promoted to the NPL.

Under this proposed structure there will be MORE GAMES PLAYED

And it will ensure that teams play against each other of similar quality **BEST V BEST and LIKE V LIKE** 

