

## Standing Committee Recommendation

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**To:** Chief Executive Officer  
**From:** State League Standing Committee  
**Date:** 9/8/19

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

State League Standing Committee would like to have junior criteria removed from Annexure 1 State League – NPL Promotion Eligibility Criteria No. 2.

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

State League Competition Rules has a junior requirement that at least one team is in the Junior Boys League in u12's, u13's, u14's. U15's.

Discussions were had on the removal of these criteria due to the difficulty in having every age group represented. Difficulties include fielding all age groups as they progress throughout junior football, the number of players that drop out of football during teenage years and forcing clubs into looking at loopholes (having teams of much lower quality) to try and have the required age groups play or present compliance squads to meet the criteria.

The rule is forcing State League clubs into conduct that is not in the best interest of football.

It is also noted that it is unfair to have a requirement to compete in a league where there is no possibility of those teams to compete in the NPL.

**Describe the benefits of Football West implementing the Recommendation**

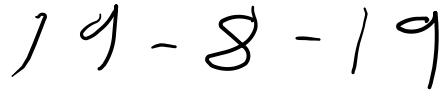
Immediately prevent State League clubs from undertaking conduct that is not in the best interest of football.

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

- State League Standing Committee Delegates – From Current & Previous
- State League Clubs
- Football West Staff



Signature



Date

**Phil Kelly**  
**Standing Committee Chair**