

Standing Committee Recommendation

To: Chief Executive Officer
From: Womens Standing Committee
Date: 5th February 2020

Recommendation (provide a detailed description of the recommendation)

Women's NPL Night Series to implement the interchange rule instead of the substitution rule.

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

Current: The rule for Night Series is a substitution rule (3 substitutes from 5 named).

Recommendation: Change this rule to an interchange rule (5 substitutes from 5 who can be brought on and off as many times as teams want)

Reason:

- NPL was announced in December with 3 new clubs, these clubs are still in the recruitment phase.
- NPL Night Series was announced a month ago, the majority of clubs didn't start training until 2 weeks ago.
- Research shows that female footballers have a susceptibility to ACL, previous night series have seen numerous knee injuries. Interchange is one method to lesson that risk.

Describe the benefits of Football West implementing the Recommendation

- Allows clubs to more easily manage loads on players who are very early in their pre-season by allowing more changes as needed.
- Assists the clubs who are still recruiting to compete early on in the Night Series.

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

- Fremantle City NPLW Coach Thomas Richard instigated an email to all the clubs and official responses were emailed to me from
 - o Fremantle City – Thomas Richard (NPLW Head Coach)
 - o Curtin University SC - Pete Connolly (Director of Women's Football)
 - o Peter Rakic – MUM FC (NPLW Head Coach)
 - o Lisa Tana – Balcatta SC (NPLW Head Coach)
 - o Conrad McKelvie – Northern Redbacks (NPLW Head Coach)
- NTC Head Coach Ben Anderton was cc'd on all correspondence but no response was given.
- No response from Subiaco (an email was sent to the technical director Rob Clements)
- Thomas Richard had indicated in an email to FW that he had talked to Perth SC NPLW head coach Danielle Brogan but had no official response.



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Signature

Date

Conrad McKelvie
Women's Standing Committee Chair