

## Standing Committee Recommendation

To: Chief Executive Officer

From:	Conrad McKelvie (Chairperson Women's
	Standing Committee)
Date:	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020

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

NPL U23s competition substitution be replaced by interchange rule.

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

Current: NPL u23s competition is using the 3 substitutes from 5 bench players in 2020

Recommendation: NPL u23s competition implement an interchange rule in 2020

Reason: A significant number of players between 15 and 18 will be playing in u23s (critical development ages).

The goal of u23s should be for development of talent for first team and as part of this the interchange rule gives flexibility to manage minutes for younger players development.

With a substitution of 3 from 5, there is the danger that young players will sit on the bench and never get to play on a weekend and as there is no NPL age group beneath u23s players will likely get no game time at all on weekends (u18s competition is considered an inadequate development league for younger players)

## Describe the benefits of Football West implementing the Recommendation

Benefits the development of talented young players into NPLW first teams.

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

Lisa Tana – NPLW Head Coach of Balcatta SC Thomas Richard – NPLW Head Coach of Fremantle City SC Peter Rakic – NPLW Head Coach of Murdoch University Melville FC Tim Hodgson – NPLW Technical Director of Northern Redbacks SC Pete Connolly – NPLW Technical Director of Curtin SC

No response from Perth SC Subiaco AFC NTC – Football West

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Signature

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