

Decision Notification

| Title: NPL Women's U23s | | Confidential | | ☐Yes ⊠No |
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| Standing Committee Recommendation Excerpt from WSC recommendation 6/9/21: Reduce NPLWA Women's U23s to U21s First team - as per normal Reserves (u23) recommendation to move to an under 21 age range therefore lowering the age group by 2 years. (Overage player numbers to be discussed later) | | | | |
| Decision | Noted 🗌 | | Approved 🛚 | Not Approved |
| Football West approves the recommendation to reduce the age limit of the NPLWA Women's U23 competition to an U21 competition. There will still be an opportunity for clubs to play four overage players per match in this competition. This decision has been endorsed by the Football West Game Development Committee. On analysis of the U23 competition, the majority of players participating were aged 21 and under and this change will more accurately reflect the current age composition of players. The change will also provide a closer age group to the Junior Girls competitions aiding the transition of players from junior to senior football. Additionally, the age change will assist in the distribution of talent amongst the clubs, as players who are over the age of 21 may seek opportunities at other clubs to play in the NPL Women's competition or other competitions. | | | | |
| Further Action Required? | ⊠Yes □ No | | | |
| If yes, provide details | Competition rules to be revised for Season 2022 to reflect this change. | | | |
| Authorised By | | | | |
| James Curtis, Chief Executive Officer | | | | 16 November 2021 |