

Decision Notification

Title: NPL Women's Junior Teams		Confidential	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Standing Committee Recommendation <i>Excerpt from WSC recommendation 6/9/21:</i> Mandate NPLWA Women's clubs to have an U16 junior team <p>Junior Team introduction: The recommendation is that all NPLWA Women's teams have a junior team designated for the 2022 season, the age group recommended is an under 16 team.</p> <p>For the 2022 Season the Junior Team would just be a designated team and not bound to a specific league: Could play in the U16s Division 1/2/3 as needed, or if the club deemed that the team need to play at a higher level than an under 18 or Women's competition as long as players are eligible to play in the relevant competition.</p>			
Decision	Noted <input type="checkbox"/>	Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>While the recommendation is not approved in its current format, Football West will mandate all NPL Women's clubs to have a junior program consisting of a minimum of one team in 2022, from MiniRoos to U18s inclusive. The minimum number and ages of teams mandated will increase in future years in a schedule to be determined with the appropriate stakeholders.</p> <p>This decision has been endorsed by the Football West Game Development Committee.</p> <p>Key rationales include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A clear development pathway is important for the improvement of the competition and NPLWA Women's clubs must invest in the development of their young players. 2. Given the infancy of the league and the substantial effects of COVID, it is appreciated that not all clubs are currently at the same level of junior development. To introduce a mandatory U16s team, would require some clubs to acquire players from existing clubs, rather than develop their own junior pathway. 3. It is strongly recommended that all NPLW clubs provide a full pathway for a player from junior to senior football. 			
Further Action Required?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<i>If yes, provide details</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Competition rules for 2022 to reflect this change. 2. A review of the Women's competition structure and criteria, including NPL and other senior competitions and Junior Girls Leagues. 3. A schedule created for the growth of required Junior Girls teams that challenges clubs to develop their pathways. 		
Authorised By			

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