

## **Decision Notification**

Title: NPLW age range	Con	fidential	☐Yes ⊠No			
Standing Committee Recommendation						
Excerpt from WSC recommendation 6/9/21:						
Introduce a Player Points System (PPS) Introduction of the player points cap: As per discussions it's felt that to promote progression within clubs and making it a fairer playing field going forward the introduction of a player points system is introduced for the 2022 season with further restrictions in the 2023 season.						
Decision	Noted	Approved	Not Approved⊠			
A Player Points System will not be introduced in 2022 for the NPL Women's competition.						

This decision has been endorsed by the Football West Game Development Committee.

Football West will consult with stakeholders regarding the introduction of additional roster requirements to promote a fair and equitable competition and development outcomes.

The key drivers for the recommendation to introduce a PPS were:

- Promote club rosters that were more even, ensuring greater balance in the competition.
- To help distribute talent amongst the clubs.
- To help promote, encourage and reward junior player development.

These were noted as sound objectives, but it was considered that a PPS would not achieve these objectives as well as posing additional issues as listed below.

- National standardisation There is not a national FA PPS standard for the NPL Women's competition representing a risk of introducing a model that is not tested or fit for purpose.
- Review of Men's PPS It is recognised by the FA that the Men's PPS requires refinement given there has been little change since its initial implementation.
- Age of the NPL Women's competition There is a large disparity in the development pathways of NPL Women's clubs. Additionally, given the competition is two years old, there is not the scope to reward player loyalty. If point incentives were counted from before the competition's inception, some clubs would be placed at a large disadvantage.
- Reduction in player movement The Men's PPS was designed to reduce player movement, whereas one of the drivers for the NPL Women's competition at this time, is to help distribute talent amongst the clubs.
- Administrative burden The PPS placed additional pressure and required additional administrative resources for both Football West and the clubs to complete and maintain.
- Historical analysis A high level review of the clubs using the Men's PPS demonstrated that clubs that finished higher in the table, tended to have lower points than clubs that finished towards the bottom.



Further Action Required?	⊠Yes	П No	
If yes, provide details	0	consultation with clubs and Women's Standing Committee regarding the introduction of additional roster requirements.	
	0	Competition rules to be revised for Season 2022 to reflect any change.	
Authorised By			
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