



# Standing Committee Elections Process

Guidelines for Referees

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## 1. Introduction

This document is intended to provide the information required for you to participate in the nomination and election of Referees Standing Committee delegates.

More detailed information can be found within the [Football West Constitution and By-Laws](#) on the Football West website.

## 2. Zones

In accordance with the Football West By-Laws, Western Australia has been divided into 10 Zones:

- Metropolitan North
- Metropolitan Central
- Metropolitan East
- Metropolitan South
- Mid West/Gascoyne
- Kimberley/Pilbara
- Wheatbelt/Goldfields
- Great Southern
- Peel
- South West

You will be eligible to nominate and vote for a candidate within your zone. You are allocated to a zone based on your home address.

The elected Chair of the Referees Standing Committee will become a voting member of Football West, and as such, will participate in the election of the Football West Board of Directors.

## 3. Standing Committee Outline

### 3.1 Role of the Standing Committee

To advise and make recommendations to the Directors and Chief Executive Officer on matters related to their specific area of the game, in particular (but not limited to):

- a) measures to promote, develop and improve refereeing in the State or Australia, including accreditation of referees and referees' instructors;
- b) policies and processes for the selection of referees;
- c) measures to identify, and promote the development of, talented referees;
- d) policies and processes to ensure the consistent application of the Laws of the Game by referees;
- e) refereeing standards and referee behaviour; and
- f) any other matter relating to referees.

### 3.2 Standing Committee Chair

The Chair of the Referees Standing Committee will be chosen by delegates of the Committee and becomes a voting member of Football West. The Chair:

- a) agrees that he or she will maintain his or her position as a member of the company as long as he or she remains in the role of Chair; and
- b) automatically ceases to be a member of Football West upon vacating the role of Chair.

#### 4. Standing Committee Nominations

Registered referees are eligible to nominate delegates to Referees Standing Committee within their Zone.

##### 4.1 Eligibility for Nomination

A person is eligible to be nominated as a Standing Committee delegate if he or she is:

- a) Aged 18 years or over; and
- b) Nominated by two registered referees or if a registered referee is under 18, his or her parent or guardian.

##### 4.2 Multiple Votes

During the course of the elections process any eligible voter may not nominate or vote for more than one delegate for the Referees Standing Committee.

#### 5. Referees Standing Committee Elections

##### 5.1 Need for an election

If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number required, those candidates are taken to be elected unopposed. Where the number of candidates for election is greater than the number required then an election will be held.

##### 5.2 Candidate Statements

Each nominated candidate may provide a statement supporting their candidacy. To be included, this statement must be no more than 150 words in length and emailed to [elections2023@footballwest.com.au](mailto:elections2023@footballwest.com.au) by the due date. Football West reserves the right to exclude statements if they are provided after the due date, contain more than 150 words, or are deemed defamatory in nature.

Candidate statements typically contain the following information:

- a) Personal and professional details about the candidate; and
- b) Information pertaining to the candidate's suitability for the role.

##### 5.3 Ballot Papers and Voting Process

If the necessity for an election arises, the ballot papers, supporting documentation and timelines will be provided to all eligible voters for the Referees Standing Committee.

Football West may engage an external consultant to scrutinise the poll.

##### 5.4 Declaration of Results

As soon as possible after the conclusion of the election, the result will be declared.

##### 5.5 Term of Office and Casual Vacancies

Each delegate of the Referees Standing Committee will serve a two year term of office and is eligible for re-election.

A casual vacancy may be filled by the Directors. A person appointed to a casual vacancy holds office until the end of the term of the person in whose place they were appointed.

In addition, the Directors may appoint persons to be Standing Committee delegates in either of the following situations:

- a) if the number of candidates elected was less than the minimum required number of delegates for that Standing Committee, or
- b) At any time and for any reason, if the Standing Committee has less than the maximum number of delegates.

All persons appointed to fill a shortfall of delegates' hold office as if they were elected at the immediately preceding election of Standing Committee delegates.