



## **Terms of Reference**

### **Regional Premier Competition Working Group**

The establishment of a Regional Premier Competition (RPC) aligns with the strategic pillars of Talent Development and Showcasing Our Game as outlined in the Northern NSW Football (NNSWF) Strategic Plan.

The RPC aims to provide a high-level competition for regional clubs, enhance player development pathways, support and complement regional community football and elevate the profile of regional football.

#### **Objectives of the Working Group**

1. To develop a sustainable model for the RPC that complements existing community football structures.
2. To ensure the model aligns with NNSWF's strategic goals and benefits all stakeholders involved.
3. To consult with key stakeholders to gather insights and ensure broad support for the proposed competition.
4. To present a detailed model for the RPC to the NNSWF Board of Directors for approval, with an aim for implementation in 2025 or 2026.

#### **Scope of the Working Group**

The Working Group will:

- Review the history and outcomes of the Coastal Premier League (CPL) and other regional competitions.
- Develop a structure for the RPC that includes single-team nominations with the potential for future expansion.
- Consider future integration opportunities with metropolitan clubs and the NNSWF Promotion/Relegation structure.
- Ensure the model is financially and operationally viable.

- Propose mechanisms for inclusive participation, supporting both men's and women's leagues.
- Ensure the RPC complements, rather than replaces, existing community football.

### **Composition of the Working Group**

The Working Group will be led by the Vice Chairman and include representatives from NNSWF, Regional Member Zones, and regionally based community club volunteers:

- NNSWF Deputy Chairman
- NNSWF Technical Director
- NNSWF General Manager - Referee Growth and Development
- NNSWF General Manager – Women & Girls and Participation
- NNSWF Premier Competitions and Compliance Coordinator
- NNSWF Club Development Officer
- Regional Member Zone Representatives:
  - President - North Coast Football
  - General Manager - North Coast Football
  - President - Football Mid-North Coast
  - Regional Football Officer - Northern Inland
  - General Manager - Football Far North Coast
- Identified Club Representatives from Regional NSW
- Other guests with specific expertise as required

### **Consultation Process**

The Working Group will engage with a broad range of stakeholders, including:

- Regional Zone representatives
- Regional club administrators, volunteers, coaches, referees and players
- Other regional community football representatives, as identified
- Relevant NNSWF staff

Stakeholders will be invited to provide input through meetings, surveys, and public forums to ensure their views are considered in the development of the RPC model.

## **Outcomes and Timelines**

The Working Group will aim to:

1. Conduct stakeholder consultations and develop a draft operating model by September 2024.
2. Present the draft operating model to regional Member Zones in September 2024
3. Present the final model to the NNSWF Board of Directors for approval by October 2024
4. Implement the approved RPC model for the 2025 or 2026 football season, depending on the Advisory Group's recommendations and Board approval.

## **Authority**

The Working Group operates under the authority of the NNSWF CEO. All decisions regarding the proposed RPC model will be subject to consideration and approval by the NNSWF Board of Directors.

## **Reporting**

The Working Group will provide regular updates to the NNSWF CEO, including:

- Progress reports on the development of the RPC model.
- Summaries of stakeholder consultations and feedback.
- Draft and final versions of the proposed RPC model.

The CEO will provide progress updates to the NNSWF Board as required before the RPC presents their final model.

## **Conclusion**

The establishment of the RPC is a strategic initiative to enhance talent development and showcase regional football. The Working Group will ensure a collaborative and thorough approach to developing a sustainable and beneficial competition model, providing opportunities for clubs, players, and the broader football community in Northern NSW.