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DATE: Friday 28th February
TO: Clubs Competing in Northern League One & Zone Conference League
FROM: General Manager Football Operations
SUBJECT: Players Playing Across NL1 & ZCL

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Dear All,

I am writing to confirm Northern NSW Football's position in relation to players playing across both community and premier competitions.

With the introduction of promotion and relegation and the annual change for 2 clubs between having 2 and 3 senior teams, both Northern NSW Football and the local Member Zones recognise there is a need for flexibility around players between these two divisions specifically.

As such, Northern NSW in 2025 will permit a number of player who are registered in the Zone Conference League to participate in the Northern League One Reserve Grade competition under the following guidelines:

- Players must be registered with the same club on PlayFootball
- Players must be registered and eligible to play in Zone Conference League
- A maximum of 6 players can be nominated from the club's ZCL team to be eligible to play NL1 reserve grade
- These 6 players must submitted in writing to Northern NSW Football by 5pm 10th March
- Any player who plays (i.e. starts or comes on as a substitute) more than 10 times in NL1 reserves will then be considered a reserve grade player will no longer be eligible to play ZCL.
 - For the avoidance of doubt, being named as an unused substitute does not count towards this.
- Should any of the nominate player deregister with the club, the club will be permitted to nominate a replacement player.



We understand this is new territory with the changes happening at this level, and will undertake a review of the impacts of this at the end of the 2025 season.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Regards,
Liam Bentley
General Manager Football Operations
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