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DATE: Friday 23rd May
TO: NPL Men's NNSW, Northern League One, PYL Boys & Regional Super League Clubs
FROM: NNSWF Technical Director
SUBJECT: NNSWF U17 Japan Tour & Expression of Interest Process

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Dear Club Presidents and Technical Directors,

Northern NSW Football is pleased to advise you of a unique international opportunity that has been brokered as part of our growing strategic relationship with Nihon University and the Japan Football Association.

As a result of ongoing engagement, NNSWF has been invited to enter an U17 representative team into the prestigious Nihon University High Schools Cup, to be held in Japan from 29 August to 6 September 2025. This marks the first time a foreign team has ever been invited to this tournament, and we are honored that Northern NSW Football has been chosen to represent Australia in this capacity.

Over the next 24 hours, NNSWF will distribute an Expression of Interest (EOI) communication to players currently participating in NPL, NL1, Premier Youth League (PYL), and Regional Super League (RSL) competitions, inviting them to express their interest in being considered for the touring squad.

We wish to reassure clubs that this process will be managed carefully and respectfully. We are acutely aware that the timing of this tour coincides closely with the end of the winter season and potentially with some final's series. Our intention is not to disrupt club programs, but rather to offer players and families an opportunity to gain international exposure and have a culturally rich and developmentally significant football experience, should they wish to pursue it.

If players from your club submit an Expression of Interest, NNSWF will be in touch with you through Ryan Doidge to ensure you are kept fully informed and appropriately engaged. Ryan will remain your primary contact for any questions or clarifications relating to player involvement or timelines.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support as we continue to provide meaningful pathways and experiences for players across Northern NSW. This initiative aligns directly with our broader strategy of creating international football connections and enhancing the player experience beyond the local environment.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



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Regards,
Ryan Doidge
Technical Director
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