

# Terms of Reference



**NORTHERN NSW**  
FOOTBALL

# 3. Terms of Reference



The Board of Northern NSW Football (NNSWF) has charged the Chief Executive Officer with the responsibility of implementing a comprehensive review which will examine the effectiveness and efficiency of the governance and administration structures underpinning the game in northern NSW. The scope of the review will include the Member Federation, Independent Member Zones, NNSWF Northern Inland, Standing Committees and clubs.

In addition to responding to NNSWF's strategic priority to lead change and improve governance throughout the game to gain efficiencies which make the game better and more accessible, the review will address Principle VII of Football Australia's XI Principles for the Future of Australian Football which identifies transitioning towards a modern, fit-for-purpose governance framework in line with global standards and best-practice sports governance in Australia as one of the key challenges facing the game.

The review will include a robust, transparent stakeholder consultation roadmap, which in part will be facilitated by an independent change consultant. Member Zones, Standing Committees, clubs, coaches, referees, volunteers, players and staff will all get a say and contribute towards the development of solutions which will aim to address the limitations of the current structures to ensure the region's largest club based sport has the capacity to tangibly support clubs and deliver quality football experiences which are affordable for families.

# 3. Terms of Reference (cont.)



The efficiency and effectiveness of NNSWF's governance and administration will be examined, however the terms of reference assume that the Member Federation as a Member of Football Australia will continue to:

- be responsible for the organisation, promotion and administration of football throughout its own state, territory or region and has jurisdiction to stage or sanction Competitions or Matches within its own boundaries.
- have a mandate to govern the implementation and enforcement of the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations within that Member Federation's jurisdiction, subject to any contrary provision in these Regulations.

The review will culminate in the release of a report which will address the gaps identified throughout the review and amendments to the governance and administration structures which will serve the game in northern NSW into the future.

Sport Australia's [Sport Governance Principles](#) will be used as a benchmark of what is considered best-practice sport governance.