

Football NSW Limited

By-Law 24.7

Referees Standing Committee

1 Status

This By-law is made by the Directors under the powers conferred on them by the Constitution of Football NSW Limited (**Constitution**). It is to be known as By-law 24.7.

2 Interpretation

2.1 In this By-law unless the contrary intention appears:

Amateur Referee Branch means a body corporate or incorporated association recognised by the Company as representing referees, providing services in one or more Association.

State League Referee means an individual referee providing services to competitions conducted by the Company from time to time, or group of referees recognised by the Company as providing those services.

2.2 Words and phrases defined in the Constitution and other By-laws have the same meanings in this By-law, which is to be read in conjunction with (and subject to) the Constitution and in conjunction with other By-laws.

3 Purpose

This By-law establishes, and prescribes the functions, eligibility, nomination, membership and method of operation of the Referees' Standing Committee.

4 Establishment

There is established a Standing Committee of Football NSW Limited to be called the **FNSW Referees' Standing Committee**.

5 Functions

The FNSW Referees' Standing Committee is to advise the Board of Directors on matters relating to Football referees and refereeing.

The Board of Directors or the Members may refer any matter relating to Football referees or refereeing to the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee for advice.

The FNSW Referees' Standing Committee may give any advice requested of it, and may (whether or not requested to do so) make recommendations to the Board of Directors on:

- (a) measures to promote, develop and improve Football refereeing in the State, including accreditation of referees and referees' instructors;
- (b) policies and processes for the selection of referees in state administrative competitions;
- (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 policy and development of referees.

6 Eligibility and Nomination

6.1 Eligibility

A person is eligible to be a member of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee if they are:

- (a) 18 years of age or over;
- (b) nominated according to paragraph 6.2.

6.2 Nomination

An eligible person shall be nominated for election by 2 persons eligible to vote at the relevant election.

A nomination must be:

- (a) in writing;
- (b) signed by the nominators and the nominee;
- (c) specify the Standing Committee in respect of which the nominee is standing for election; and
- (d) be lodged at the Registered Office by the time and date specified in the notice calling for nominations.

An eligible voter may only nominate one candidate for membership of the Standing Committee.

7 Membership

- 7.1 Until completion of the 2008 Football season the members of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee will be 3 members elected by Amateur Referees Branches and 3 members elected by State League Referees.
- 7.2 After the completion of the 2008 Football season the members of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee will be elected by Amateur Referees Branches and State League Referees however, not less than one member elected must be nominated for election by State League Referees.
- 7.3 The FNSW Referees' Standing Committee shall have not less than six but not greater than eight members.

8 Term of office, casual vacancies, vacation of office and removal of member

8.1 Term of office

Each member of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee will serve a two year term and is eligible for re-appointment.

8.2 Casual vacancy or other shortfall in members

A casual vacancy will be filled by the Directors, having regard to the results of the most recent election. A person appointed under this paragraph holds office until the end of the term of the person in whose place they were appointed.

The Directors may appoint persons to be members of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee in either of the following situations:

- (a) after an election, if the number of candidates was less than the minimum required number of members for the Standing Committee; or
- (b) at any time, if the Standing Committee had less than the maximum number of members.

In the case of such appointments, the Directors may appoint any number of members they deem appropriate, provided that the Standing Committee does not as a result have greater than the number of members permitted by the By-laws. All persons appointed to fill a shortfall of members hold office as if they were elected at the immediately preceding election of members of the Standing Committee.

8.3 Vacation of office

A member of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee vacates that office if that member:

- (a) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under a law relating to mental health;

- (b) resigns office by notice in writing to the Company;
- (c) has their nomination as a member revoked or rescinded by the Club which nominated them; or
- (d) is not personally present at three consecutive meetings without leave of absence from the Company.

A member of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee will automatically cease to be a member if they cease to be registered as a referee.

8.4 Removal of a member of FNSW Referees' Standing Committee

- (a) Subject to the requirements of this provision, the Directors may by resolution remove a member of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee.
- (b) The FNSW Referees' Standing Committee must resolve to recommend to the Directors the removal of the member from office.
- (c) Written notification of a resolution by the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee referred to in paragraph (b), including matters taken into account by the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee in making the resolution, must be given to the Company.
- (d) The Company must give the member named in the resolution a copy of the notification referred to in paragraph (c) as soon as practicable after it is received by the Company.
- (e) The Directors must not consider the recommendation to remove the member unless the member receives at least 14 days notice of the meeting of Directors at which the recommendation will be considered.
- (f) At the meeting of Directors at which the recommendation to remove the member is considered the member is entitled to put their case to the Directors by speaking at the meeting.

9 Proceedings

9.1 Meetings

The members of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee may meet together for conducting business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit.

The FNSW Referees' Standing Committee must meet at least twice in each year.

9.2 Chair

The chair of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee shall be the current Director appointed to this Standing Committee as at the date of introduction of this By-law and will continue as chair for their term of office

as Director ("Transitional Period"). Thereafter the members of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee must elect 1 of their number as chair and may determine the period for which that person is to hold office.

9.3 Deputy Chair

The members of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee must elect one of their number as deputy chair and may determine the period for which that person is to hold office.

9.4 Absence of Chair at Standing Committee meeting

The chair is entitled to preside at meetings of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee.

If the chair is not present and able and willing to act within 15 minutes after the time appointed for a meeting or has indicated their intention not to be present and able and willing to act, the following may preside (in order of entitlement):

- (a) the deputy chair;
- (b) a member of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee chosen by a majority of the members present.

10 Membership of the Company

During the Transitional Period the deputy chair and an elected member of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee, and after the Transitional Period, the chair and the deputy chair of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee,:

- (a) agrees to apply for membership of the Company according to the Constitution;
 - (b) agrees that, once admitted as a member of the Company they will maintain that membership for as long as they remain the deputy chair and elected member of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee; and
 - (c) automatically ceases to be a member of the Company upon vacating their membership (for whatever reason) of the FNSW Referees' Standing Committee.
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