



**NORTHERN INLAND FOOTBALL
COUNCIL OF CLUBS**

TAMWORTH – 25th SEPTEMBER 2019 – WEST TAMWORTH LEAGUES CLUB

“To collectively discuss the 2019 Season and provide feedback in preparation for 2020”

In Attendance	Club Represented
Chris Jarrett	Kootingal & District FC
Wellington Sardinha	Gunnedah FC
Andy Cygan	Gunnedah FC
Wayne May	Tamworth FC
Matt Bridge	Moore Creek FC
Trent Froud	Kootingal & District FC
Lachlan Smith	Souths United FC
Mark Ross	Souths United FC
Wes Clark	Souths United FC
David Drabsch	North Companions FC
Sam Saunders	Manilla FC
Angus Faulks	Manilla FC
Neil Wilcox	Quirindi FC
Mitchell O’keefe	Oxley Vale Attunga
Toby McVey	NIF
Julia Farina	NIF
Mick Barber	NIF
Riley Sohier	Good Sports
Apologies	
Steve Mitchell	North Companions FC

1. Good Sports – Riley Sohier presentation

- a. Riley provided a presentation detailing how to be part of the Good Sports Program, clubs were provided at form to complete to commence the process. All clubs to commence this with Riley Sohier as the contact – Riley.Sohier@adf.org.au

2. Governance

Component	Actions/notes
National Club Development Program launched 24.09.19	Survey to be completed by all clubs. Phillip Andrews from NNSWF to assist clubs with any issues. Phillip Andrews pandrews@northernnswfootball.com.au
Working with Children Checks	WWCC are valid for 5 years. Start to check your WWCC expiry for 2020 season.
Volunteers, Coaches and Managers to register in PlayFootball	Increase in registered volunteers and coaches. Aim for every coach and volunteer to be registered in 2020.
Hot Weather Policy / Wet Weather and Storms	NNSWF Hot Weather Policy. Cancel or postpone events for adults if over 34 degrees. Cancel or postpone events for children if over 30 degrees.



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Playing with Spectacles – what we are doing	More people have been purchasing sports glasses. Looking into rebates for those that do.
Red & Yellow cards for coaches and managers	Used a couple of times. Replaced the ASK, TELL, REMOVE procedure. NIF to review non-serious send-off offences for players and the ramifications to those who also coach/referee.
Referees	Looking at how to retain referees and recruit new referees. Tamworth referees have started weekly fitness and skills training + monthly theory sessions.
Ground Officials	NIF to provide more education to clubs about the ground officials roles. Thank you to clubs that have ensured they have an active ground official. NIF to provide more education to spectators about the role of ground officials and the technical areas.
Reports from games	NIF to ensure reports are acknowledged when they are received from clubs.
Sanctions – Disciplinary – Players / Teams – Pre-season – carrying over from 2020	Suspensions from NIF competitions carrying over to 2020 do not affect FFA Cup fixtures.
Forms (Injury Report Form, Playback form)	Good use of NIF forms in 2019. Injury report forms needed to verify injury claims. Forms used for juniors to play seniors worked well. https://northerninlandfootball.com.au/nif-forms/
Competition feedback for 2019, including Rules and Regulations, exceptions, eligibility, forms.	9 v 9 playing format across the region could improve. Education to clubs and coaches of this age about rules of game and coaches on the field. Do we look at game leaders rather than coaches on the field.



3. 2019 Competition

Component	Actions/notes
Game Times	8am kick off was raised as a minor issue. Suggestion of kick off times to be 12, 13, 14, 16 years. 16 years to be first to allow for travel for PL and senior football in Armidale, Gunnedah and Quirindi. For 2020 (kick off order): U16, U12, U13, U14
Ages and Divisions	Look at nominating for A and B at time of nomination. NIF to use past results from teams to assist selection of division. Depends on number of team. Rather than a split half way through season.
Nomination Open and Close	Registrations open 1 st Feb 2020. Team nominations close tba.
U12 Fields	No change for 2020
Fixtures and changes	Try minimising sat/sun rounds. GA2 to be looked at for junior fixtures. GA8 to be used as full sized field – smaller than normal – U12.
Preserving Fields and Field Availability – Green Space training	Finding fields to train on that don't have goals. Don't need goals to train. Training doesn't have to be at Gipps St.
Juniors Playing Seniors	NIF to look at what is a junior is. U16/U18? Should juniors only be allowed to play in either 3 rd grade or reserve/first grade. Not all three grades.
Eligibility for finals	66% rule. NIF to communicate how it is applied to the competition at start of 2020. Clubs to also keep own record of who plays each fixture for their teams.
School Holidays and Leave Weekends	Leave weekend – NIF to schedule byes if possible, for Farrer/Calrossy teams. Play 1 st and last weekend of holidays if needed.
Community Awards	Clubs to encourage members to nominate each month in 2020. NIF had 2/5 NNSWF community club of the month awards – South Armidale and Glenn Innes
Field Bookings and Training	Any issues with fields/lighting to let NIF know. NIF to contact council.
Communication to clubs/ Council of Club Meetings	CoC Feb / June / Sep. OK.
NIF Website and Facebook	Encourage members to follow and like FB page. Website is kept up to date with information.
2019 Final Series (including staggered end to season)	Worked well with non-competitive finishing week before GF rather than the same time. Tamworth comp to finish week before PL. Look at who plays Sunday 2020. TFC Women would did not want to play Sunday.



4. 2020 Competition

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MiniRoos Competition, working with the format (Joeys, Wallabies and Kangaroos)	NIF to run an U5 competition – more info to come. U6-U11 to adapt Kangaroos and Joeys for these ages and abilities/years played before. NIF to provide more information on who should play each group.
2020 Season - Registrations open – 1 st Feb - Season Launch – 4 th Apr - Season Start – 2 nd May Considerations: School Holidays, Leave Weekends, Public holidays	Registrations open, season launch, and season kick off for community football dates set. OK.
Grand Final Series 2020 U6-U11 end – 5 th Sep Competitive finals – 12 th Sep w'end Premier League – 19 th Sep	NIF to review game times for 2020 Grand Final weekend, including Women not playing on a Sunday.
Other	Look at perpetual trophies for age groups. Possibility of businesses to sponsor the trophy.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 12th February 2020 – Venue to be confirmed