

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

OCTOBER 2021

INTRODUCTION

This summary provides information relating to the Capital Football Board meeting held on 27 October 2021, and contains resolutions made by the Directors.

The summary excludes information that is commercial in confidence, is sensitive in nature or is restricted due to privacy. Standing agenda items including the finance report, Chair's report and CEO's report may contain such information. Where information discussed under those agenda items can be shared, it will appear under the subheadings, aligned to the strategic pillar to which it is most relevant.

Attendees

Fran Sankey (Chair), Angelo Konstantinou (Deputy Chair), Grace Gill, Gary Vandeburgt, Justin Webb, Georgia Briggs, Phil Brown and Lisa Roestbakken.

GOVERN AND GUIDE

Meeting With Member Representatives

The Board invited representatives of the Members to the October Board meeting as part of the formal engagement with Members. North Region Council representative Delfina Dimoski, Premier League SAC Chair Michael Sergi and Community League SAC Chair Marc Mowbray D'arbela joined the meeting with an apology from Jeff Ward as representative of the South Region Council. An updated Member Feedback Action register was provided to all Members ahead of the Board meeting.

Discussions included;

- ▶ Brindabella FC CPLB (formerly NPLY2) relegation for the 2022 season.
- ▶ PPS and whether this will be reintroduced in 2022.
- ▶ Standing Advisory Committees and the possibility of being eliminated by other Member Federations and Capital Football.
- ▶ Communications Plan for Stakeholders as part of the newly revised Strategic Plan to assist in communications between Capital Football and the football community.
- ▶ Reduce Abuse Campaign.

- ▶ Walking Football.
- ▶ Powerchair.
- ▶ FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 and the possibility of training base camps being in Canberra and clubs being involved.
- ▶ C-License courses for coaches.
- ▶ Facilities and additional infrastructure.
- ▶ Registration fees.
- ▶ Board meeting summaries for the website.
- ▶ Club field hire debts.
- ▶ Cluster venues.
- ▶ Standing Advisory Committee vacancies.

CONNECT AND ENGAGE

Community Engagement

The Board noted the following engagement with the football community since the last meeting;

- ▶ Chair Fran Sankey attended the media event at Throsby Home of Football on 27 October 2021.
- ▶ Chair Fran Sankey spoke with Tuggeranong FC President Stan Mitchell regarding facilities.
- ▶ Chair Fran Sankey spoke with Jeff Ward regarding the possible affiliation of a new club Bella Monaro.

PLAY AND PERFORM

Declaration of Leagues

On 23 July 2021 Capital Football issued the outcomes of the NPL Competitions Review that communicated the Boards endorsed competition structure from 2022.

Capital Premier League Boys (CPLB)

For CPLB this included;

- ▶ 8 clubs
- ▶ Youth age grades (U18, U16, U14 and U13)
- ▶ Application of promotion and relegation from 2021 to 2022 based on the existing regulations (non-weighted club championship).
- ▶ This was later reconfirmed after the season was impacted by Covid-19

The last placed club on the 2021 NPLY1 club championship, and the 2nd to 8th placed clubs from the 2021 NPLY2 club championship were required to confirm their commitment to compete in the 2022 CPLB.

RESOLUTION:

That the Capital Football Board invites the following clubs to compete in the 2022 Capital Premier Leagues Boys;

Brindabella Blues FC	Tigers FC
Tuggeranong FC	Monaro Panthers FC
O'Connor Knight FC	Weston Molonglo FC
Majura FC	Woden Valley SC

Capital Premier Leagues Men (CPLM)

For CPLM this included;

- ▶ 8 clubs
- ▶ Seniors (1st Grade and U23)
- ▶ Application of promotion and relegation from 2021 to 2022 based on the existing regulations (1st grade league tables)
- ▶ This was later reconfirmed after the season was impacted by Covid-19).

The last placed club on the 2021 NPL1 1st Grade league table, and the 2nd to 8th placed clubs from the 2021 NPL2 1st Grade league table were required to confirm their commitment to compete in the 2022 CPLM.

RESOLUTION:

That the Capital Football Board invites the following clubs to compete in the 2022 Capital Premier Leagues Men;

ANU FC	Tuggeranong United FC
Brindabella Blues FC	Wagga City Wanderers FC
Canberra White Eagles FC	Queanbeyan City FC
Weston Molonglo FC	Yoogali SC

National Premier Leagues Boys (NPLB)

For the NPLB this included;

- ▶ 8 clubs
- ▶ Youth age grades (U18, U16, U14 and U13)
- ▶ Application of promotion and relegation from 2021 to 2022 based on the existing regulations (non-weighted club championship)
- ▶ This was later reconfirmed after the season was impacted by Covid-19

The top 7 placed clubs on the 2021 NPLY1 club championship, and top placed club from the 2021 NPLY2 club championship were required to confirm their commitment to compete in the 2022 NPLB.

RESOLUTION:

That the Capital Football Board invites the following clubs to compete in the 2022 National Premier Leagues Boys;

Belconnen United FC	Wagga City Wanderers FC
Canberra Croatia FC	West Canberra Wanderers FC
Canberra Olympic FC	Griffith FC
Gungahlin United FC FC	Radford College

National Premier Leagues Girls (NPLG)

For the NPLG this included;

- ▶ 8 clubs
- ▶ Girls (U17, U15 and U14) de-coupled from the senior age grades.
- ▶ Promotion and Relegation between NPLG and Junior Leagues Girls Division 1 from the 2022 to 2023 seasons.
- ▶ Canberra United Academy to be included in each age grade.

NPLG Clubs from 2021 were required to confirm their commitment to compete in the 2022 NPLG.

RESOLUTION:

That the Capital Football Board invites the following clubs to compete in the 2022 National Premier Leagues Girls;

Belconnen United FC	Gungahlin United FC
Canberra Croatia FC	Tuggeranong United FC
Canberra Olympic FC	Wagga City Wanderers
Canberra United Academy	West Canberra Wanderers FC

National Premier Leagues Men (NPLM)

For the NPLM this included;

- ▶ 8 clubs
- ▶ Seniors (1st Grade and U23)
- ▶ Application of promotion and relegation from 2021 to 2022 based on the existing regulations (1st grade league tables)
- ▶ This was later reconfirmed after the season was impacted by Covid-19.

The top 7 placed clubs on the 2021 NPL1 1st Grade league table, and top placed club from the 2021 NPL2 1st Grade league table were required to confirm their commitment to compete in the 2022 NPLM.

RESOLUTION:

That the Capital Football Board invites the following clubs to compete in the 2022 National Premier Leagues Men;

Belconnen United FC	Monaro Panthers FC
Canberra Croatia FC	O'Connor Knights SC
Canberra Olympic FC	Tigers FC
Gungahlin United FC	West Canberra Wanderers FC

National Premier Leagues Women (NPLW)

For the NPLW this included;

- ▶ 8 clubs
- ▶ Seniors (1st Grade and Reserve Grade) de-coupled from the youth age grades.
- ▶ Promotion and Relegation between NPLW and State League Women's 1 from the 2022 to 2023 seasons.
- ▶ Canberra United Academy to be included in each age grade.

NPLW Clubs from 2021 were required to confirm their commitment to compete in the 2022 NPLW.

RESOLUTION:

That the Capital Football Board invites the following clubs to compete in the 2022 National Premier Leagues Women;

Belconnen United FC	Gungahlin United FC
Canberra Croatia FC	Tuggeranong United FC
Canberra Olympic FC	Wagga City Wanderers
Canberra United Academy	West Canberra Wanderers FC

New Club Recommendations

Capital Football management was contacted in 2020 by representatives seeking to affiliate a new club (North Canberra Football Club) with Capital Football. Documentation, in relation to the structure, purpose, and aspirations of the club was submitted by their Club President with the aim of participating in 2022 competitions.

RESOLUTION:

That the Capital Football Board does not approve the affiliation of North Canberra Football Club.

Participation Update

The Acting Head of Participation tabled an update on the participation programs to the Board. Of note;

- ▶ As per the Pathway Forward summer competitions can go ahead from 29 October 2021.

- ▶ The majority of the regular Futsal competitions are starting on 1 November 2021 at various venues across Canberra and Queanbeyan.
- ▶ Competition Regulations and Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations have started to be reviewed internally.
- ▶ The Key Dates Timeline for the 2022 season is on schedule to be sent out as planned on 25 October to all Clubs, SAC's, and The Technical Committee.
- ▶ A total of 548 match officials registered for the 2021 Football Season compared with 513 registrations in 2020, an increase of 7%.
- ▶ Of the 548 registered match officials 214 are new officials and 334 are returning, which translates to a retention rate of 65% compared to 55% in 2020.
- ▶ Female referee registrations increased by 3% in 2021, representing 22% of total football match officials compared to 23% in 2020.
- ▶ Female referee registration represents 22% of total Football referee registrations in 2021.
- ▶ New Level 4 Referee registrations increased from 76 registrations (2020) to 120 (2021), an increase of 58%.
- ▶ Due to the suspension of football activities, Futsal Referee registrations will now open on Friday 15 October ahead of the 2021/22 Futsal Season starting in early November.
- ▶ A report on referee recruitment and training.
- ▶ Pre-Season Seminar for Futsal match officials commences 18 October via video conference.
- ▶ Capital Football staff met with Gavin Martin and Chris Conti of the Referees' Standing Advisory Committee (RSAC) on Monday 11 October to discuss the outcomes presented by the RSAC from the Referee Forum that was held on the 21 July 2021.

Game Development Update

The Head of Game development tabled a Game Development update to the Board. Of note;

- ▶ Walking Football - registrations close end of October with 87 registered players at time of report. Competition begins 3 November at Hawker Football Centre.
- ▶ Powerchair - training and matches begin 13 November in line with COVID requirements, Powerchair Club Championships will be held in Sydney, 28 April to 3 May 2022.
- ▶ An update on Canberra United All Abilities Academy with training to resume 1 November at Hawker.
- ▶ An update on Covid-19;
 - ▶ Canberra's vaccination rate continues to grow with 79.5% of Canberrans 16+ fully vaccinated.
 - ▶ The ACT Government released the Pathway Forward for the ACT. From 15 October we will enter Phase B with outdoor training able to resume with a maximum 25 participants (excluding staff) in each outdoor space, or 1 person per 4 square meters. Indoor sport remains prohibited.

- ▶ ACT clubs can begin preseason training only, with a maximum of 25 people at one time. Friendly matches are not permitted; this includes intra club games and trial matches.
- ▶ When greater than 80% double dosed, the ACT will enter Phase C of the Pathway Forward (estimated 29 October).
- ▶ NSW Public Health Order which was due to come into effect Monday 11 October 2021, reflecting that NSW has passed 70% of the eligible adult population (16 and above) being fully vaccinated. They have since announced it will further ease restrictions ahead of Monday 11 October.
- ▶ People aged 16 and over are fully vaccinated or have a valid medical exemption (Medical Certificate required); and
- ▶ There are no more than 20 people involved including participants, coaches and officials, and parents and spectators (We encourage parents to not participate as part of a training group where possible).
- ▶ The minimum space recommended for 20 participants is approximately 50 x 30 meters which equates to one-quarter of a football pitch.
- ▶ No organised community sport competitions or programs permitted to take place in NSW until after NSW hits 80% double dose vaccination for those aged 16 and above. Friendly matches, intraclub matches, leagues, trials, internal games or similar should not take place.
- ▶ Canberra United travel exemptions were granted to the players who needed to go into quarantine prior to starting training.
- ▶ A-Leagues have now released their COVID-19 Protocols for the 2021/2022 season.
- ▶ Return to Training plan for Canberra United is being developed and will be ready prior to preseason starting.
- ▶ All clubs have their summer allocations and have begun booking them with ACT Sport and Recreation.
- ▶ Kelly Stirton is now part of the National Football Facilities Database Audit Project Committee who will meet once a month.
- ▶ Hawker Football Centre is now open for training purposes.

Summary of Disputes and Disciplinary Matters

An updated summary of Disputes and Disciplinary matters for June 2021 - October 2021 was provided to the Board for discussion.

EDUCATE AND ENHANCE

Performance Update

The Technical Director tabled an update on the performance programs to the Board. Of note;

- ▶ An update on Canberra United which included; training scheduled to start 25 October, working with ACTAS to utilise their gym, Kelly Stirton is working through COVID related protocols, 14 players signed with interstate players requiring quarantine already in the ACT, negotiations with two Orlando Pride players from the

NWSL: Chelsea Washington and Allyson Haran, several trialists will be assessed during training prior to finalising the squad.

- ▶ An update on Canberra United Academy which included; Staggered return to training commenced 19 October, identified, retained players were sent offer letters to play for CUA 2022 season. EOI's advertised on the Capital Football website and social pages for players interested in playing for CUA in 2022 and Pat Mills, after years of service to CUA will join Gungahlin United FC as Head Coach for 2022 season.
- ▶ An update on the Talent Support program which included; players returning to training 18 October, TSP 15's will play four friendly games vs Canberra United leading up to the ALW season (Covid-19 restrictions permitting).
- ▶ C-Licence and additional Coach Education updates.
- ▶ National Futsal Championships to be held 5-9 January 2022 on the Gold Coast; EOI's for players and coaches were sent out 22 September, refresher Futsal Coaching Course to be held 31 October, Capital Football continue to monitor Covid-19 travel restrictions.
- ▶ Phil Booth, Scott O'Donell and Grant Davoren met 8 and 14 October to discuss NFC.

THRIVE AND PROSPER

Throsby Update

The Board discussed the Throsby Home of Football project including;

- ▶ ACT Government invited Capital Football representatives to attend a media event on 27 October 2021 on site at Throsby, which the Deputy Chief Minister provided updates on recent budget announcements and CEO Phil Brown provided an address.
- ▶ Home of Football Project Control Group; Deputy Chair Angelo Konstantinou and CEO Phil Brown participated, along with representatives of the ACT Government, in a meeting on 6 October 2021. An update on meetings with the service provider assisting with the development of the business plan for venue operations, was also provided.

Commercial Update

The Head of Commercial tabled a Commercial update to the Board. Of note;

- ▶ Canberra United update; Memberships, ticketing and merchandising information to be released to the public shortly. Currently Capital Football are in the process of confirming gameday vendors and finalising arrangements.
- ▶ Club-based framework for shared services and Partnerships.
- ▶ External media during September covered Canberra United player signings, new A-Leagues brand reveal, CEO Phil Brown was interviewed by local media following the conclusion of the CF Winter Season, NPL coaches and players were interviewed about A-League appointments. The uncertainty over the Tigers' FFA Cup clash also featured.

- ▶ Every Canberra United player announced took part in a Zoom media interview with WIN News, Canberra Times, Football Sack, The Inner Sanctum and The Women's Game, with audio sent out to the ABC, Canberra FM and 2CC.
- ▶ In total, the Canberra Times covered 25 stories relating to CF and CU in September, which is on par with September 2020.
- ▶ An update on website and social media traffic.
- ▶ The provision of a Communications Plan for October and November.