NFNL Board Selection Rules

10.1.4 The Board may delegate specified powers and responsibilities, set out in the By-Laws, to such committees the Board considers appropriate, provided that such committees shall not have any power of delegation, such committees to include, but not be limited to:

i. Administration/Clearances/Registrations;

ii. Tribunal/Appeals/Investigations/Grievance;

iii. Finance;

iv. Umpires;

v. Senior Football;

vi. Junior Football;

vii. Netball;

viii. Board Pre Selection Committee:

The Board must appoint a committee to receive nominations, and to recommend to the Board candidates, for election as a director (Board Pre Selection Committee).

The Board Pre Selection Committee must be comprised of the Chairman, two current Board Members and an independent person to be selected at the discretion of the Board.

10.1.5 Established under these Rules or under the By-Laws makes a decision in respect of any matter referred to it in accordance with the Rules or By-Laws, the Board may direct the relevant committee, tribunal or Board to refer the matter to it for determination, if it appears to the Board:

i. The matter raises a major issue of policy in relation to the activities of the League and the determination of the matter may have a substantial effect on the affairs of the League and/or any of its members;

ii. Any decision on the matter has been unreasonably delayed or is otherwise disadvantaging one of the parties or the consideration of the matter by the League Board would better facilitate the League in controlling and managing the affairs of the League.

10.2 Constitution of the Board

10.2.1 The Board shall consist of seven elected directors who shall be elected on a rotational basis. Each Board position will be for a 3 year term.

10.2.2 **Board positions will follow a repeating cycle as detailed below and as adopted on approval of these rules (December 2017):**

Year 1 (2017, 20, 23, 26, 29)	**Board Positions 3 and 5**
Year 2 (2018, 21, 24, 27, 30)	**Board Positions 2, 4, and 6**
Year 3 (2019, 22, 25, 28, 31)	**Board Positions 1 and 7**

10.2.3 An 8th board member may be appointed (if exercised) under Rule 10.9.

10.2.4 In the event that a board position being elected is held by the Chairman, and the Chairman is not standing for re-election, he or she shall vacate the Chair at the conclusion of the AGM and the Deputy

Chairman shall act as the Chairman of the League until the January Board Meeting, at which time the Directors shall elect a Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

10.3 Board Members

10.3.1 The Board, any Senior Affiliated Club, or Junior Affiliated Club may nominate any eligible person to stand for the position of a Board Member.

10.3.2 **By no later than 24 August in each year, the CEO must cause notice to be given of the closing date for nominations for the Board election by publication on the League's official website or other electronic media that is generally accessible by the public.**

Any person seeking election to the Board of Directors must adhere to the following procedure:

i) The nominee candidate must obtain the Nomination Form (Schedule 5) applicable to the Board election from the CEO.

ii) The Nomination Form must be signed by 2 proposing club affiliates or Board Members.

iii) The nominee candidate must sign the Nomination Form and certify that he or she complies with the Director Eligibility Criteria.

iv) The Nomination Form must be received, together with any ancillary documents prescribed by the Nomination Form, by the CEO or as otherwise prescribed by the Nomination Form by 5.00pm on 1 September in the relevant year.

v) Failure to lodge a correctly completed Nomination Form in the time prescribed will render the nomination null and void.

10.3.3 A person will not be eligible for election as a Board Member if the person holds office or any position in any Affiliated Club of the NFNL.

10.3.4 Any position on the Board that is to be vacated at the AGM will be advertised, and any interested person may make an application to the CEO to join the Board (as per Schedule 5). Applications are to be submitted by the closing date for nominations. Any application made after the closing date may not have to be considered. All applicants who make applications that comply with this Rule are entitled to stand for election..

10.3.5 Any retiring Board Member is eligible to reapply for a position on the Board.

10.3.6 The procedure for the election of Board members shall be determined by the Board from time to time.

10.4 Evaluation of candidates by the Board Pre Selection Committee

10.4.1 Any correctly completed Nomination Form received by the prescribed closing date must be forwarded by the CEO.

10.4.2 If requested by the Board Pre Selection Committee, each candidate must be available to attend an interview with members of the Board Pre Selection Committee, not later than 30 September in the relevant year.

10.4.3 Failure to attend an interview with the Board Pre Selection Committee (if required) will render the nomination null and void.

10.4.4 The Board Pre Selection Committee will assess each candidate against the Director Eligibility Criteria.

10.4.5 The Board Pre Selection Committee will report to the Board on the suitability of each candidate for appointment as a Director and will make a recommendation in relation to each candidate as to whether the Board should endorse the candidate's nomination for election as a Director of the League.

10.5 Election to fill vacancies

10.5.1 A voting paper must be prepared (if necessary) containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order, the Board position number they are nominating for, and each Affiliated Club and Board Member shall be entitled to vote for their preferred candidate per Board position.

10.5.2 The CEO must send a notice of the election to each member entitled to vote either by post or by email to the relevant email address as nominated to the league at least 7 days prior to the date set for the election.

10.6 Conduct of Elections

10.6.1 The election of Directors must be held on the Friday immediately prior to the date set for the Annual General Meeting.

10.6.2 The Directors must appoint a Returning Officer to conduct the election. Prior to the time of the election of Directors, the Secretary must supply the Returning Officer with a correct list of Affiliated and Board Members names and details (where applicable).

10.6.3 Election Rules

(i) From time to time the Returning Officer and the Secretary may declare and promulgate rules for the conduct and procedure of elections of the League (Rules). Subject to the Rules not being inconsistent with the Constitution, the Rules shall bind all candidates and the League during any election. The onus shall be upon candidates standing for election to familiarise themselves with the Rules.

(ii) If there is a breach by any candidate of the terms of the Constitution or of any of the Rules, the Returning Officer may, in his or her absolute discretion, disqualify the candidate and any votes cast for such disqualified candidate shall not be counted.

(iii) Affiliated members entitled to vote may only vote for a candidate by completing the prescribed voting paper and returning it to the Returning Officer in accordance with clause 10.6.6.

10.6.4 The Secretary must prepare and send to each Affiliated and Board Member entitled to vote by post or by email where a relevant email address has been nominated by an Affiliated and Board Member and entered in the Register or, with the consent of the relevant Affiliated or Board member, by other electronic means as determined by the Returning Officer from time to time, a notice of election setting out:

(i) details of the vacancies;

(ii) a list of candidates (in alphabetical order);

(iii) the time and place the election is to be conducted;

(iv) instructions for completion and return of the voting paper where the relevant Affiliated or Board Member elects to follow the procedure set out in Clauses 10.6.5 and 10.6.6;

10.6.5 The Secretary or the Secretary's delegate will, upon request, forward by post to the Affiliated and Board Member entitled to vote an envelope enclosing:

(i) the notice of election;

(ii) the voting paper; and

(iii) a printed envelope, addressed to the Returning Officer, with Ordinary member identification details to be provided on the reverse side, into which the voting paper is to be placed.

10.6.6 The voting procedure is to be as follows:

(i) place voting papers inside the printed envelope provided;

(ii) complete Affiliated or Board Member identification details (including name and signature) on the outside of the envelope where indicated; and

(iii) return completed voting papers to the Returning Officer via:

(a) post, so that it reaches the Returning Officer on or before 5pm on the date set for election (Closing Time); or

(b) deposit in the ballot box located at the League before the Closing Time;

10.6.7 The Returning Officer or his or her delegate may open any envelopes received under clause 10.6.6 prior to the Closing Time. The Returning Officer or his or her delegate may, in the Returning Officer's absolute discretion, commence counting the votes prior to the Closing Time.

10.6.8 After the Closing Time, the Returning Officer must:

(i) complete a count of the votes;

(ii) certify to the Secretary the results of the ballot;

(iii) publicly announce the results; and

(iv) confirm the results at the Annual General Meeting.

10.6.9 If the voting paper is not completed in accordance with clause 10.6.6 or if the voting paper is not received by the date and time referred to in clause 10.6.6, the voting paper will not be counted.

10.6.10 The candidates will be elected to the position of Director by reference to the number of Board vacancies declared for the purposes of the election on the basis of the candidate or candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast in the ballot.

10.6.11 In the case of two or more persons obtaining the same number of votes in circumstances where there is only one vacancy to be filled, the President (or if he or she is a candidate in the election,

a Vice-President or if both the President and a Vice-President are candidates in the election, the member of the Board who is the longest serving Director who is not a candidate) has a casting vote.

10.6.12 When questions of order or procedure arise during the conduct of the election, the decision of the Returning Officer shall be final.

10.7 Election of Chairman

The Directors shall elect the Chairman and Deputy Chairman from within the board at the first Board meeting following the AGM.

10.8 Vacancy

10.8.1 The office of a Board Member shall become vacant if a Board Member:

i. Submits his or her resignation in writing to the CEO;

ii. Dies or becomes physically or mentally incapacitated to an extent which interferes with the performance of his or her duties as a Board Member;

iii. Is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without leave of the Board.

10.8.2 In the event of a casual vacancy by any Board Member, the Board may appoint any suitable person to the office and that person may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting following his or her appointment.

10.8.3 In the event of a casual vacancy by the Chairman, the Board shall appoint within one month a new board member and Chairman.

10.8.4 During the period from when the vacancy of the office of Chairman arises until the election of a new Chairman, the Deputy Chairman may exercise all powers conferred upon the Chairman under these Rules. Any persons elected to the office of Board Member and Chairman under this Rule shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

10.9 Board Appointed Member

10.9.1 The Board shall have the power to appoint not more than one person to act as a Board Member for a term not exceeding 2 years should it decide in its absolute discretion that the particular skills and expertise of that person warrant his or her appointment as a Board Member.

10.9.2 Upon the expiration of the term, the Appointee shall be eligible for election as a Board Member at the next Annual General Meeting if upon expiration of the appointed term he/she gives notice in writing to the Board of the intention to seek election to the Board.