

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BFNC CONSTITUTION

The following are proposed changes to the BFNC Constitution that will be voted upon at a Special General Meeting, prior to the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

1. Amendments to wording, grammar and punctuation
2. Amendments to Life Membership wording to reflect non-committee volunteers, Senior Women's Football and Netball.
3. Amendments to Composition of Board and Committees

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1: Amendments to wording, grammar and punctuation

There are minor amendments to the wording, grammar and punctuation in the body of the document for the purposes of clarity and removal of non-neutral gender terms. These minor amendments do not change in any way the intent or interpretation of the constitution.

e.g Chairman to Chairperson, footballers to players

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2: Amendments to Life Membership wording to reflect non-committee volunteers, Senior Women's Football and Netball.

(2) Life Member

(a) Any member of the Club may be nominated for consideration as a Life Member of the Club as mark of high esteem in appreciation of exceptional services, by any two other members of the Board or Committees.

Nominations in writing should include the member's reasons for putting forward the candidate for Life Membership and use the BFNC Life Membership Nomination Form (Appendix).

(b) A member of the club will be automatically nominated provided they satisfy at least one of the following criteria and have provided significant and loyal contribution to the club:

i. Be a board member of the Club with at least 6 years voluntary service or a committee member of 10 years voluntary service; or

ii. Playing career;

- Senior Men's: Played at least 200 Senior/Premier grade or 250 open age games as a member of the Club;
- Senior Women's: Played at least 150 Senior/Premier grade or 200 open age games as a member of the Club.
- Netballers: Played at least 150 Senior/Premier grade or 200 open age games as a member of the Club*.

iii. Coaching career;

- Senior Men's: Coached at least 150 Senior/Premier grade or 200 open age games as a member of the Club.
- Senior Women's: Coached at least 120 Senior/Premier grade or 150 open age games as a member of the Club.

iv. Provided a significant and loyal contribution to the Club for more than 20 years voluntary service.

(c) Satisfaction of sub rule 2(b) does not infer automatic granting of life membership.

(d) The Board shall verify or check the information provided in the nomination and upon satisfaction as to the eligibility and suitability of the candidate the Board shall vote to elect a Life Member.

(e) No member shall become a Life Member unless the candidate receive at least 75% of votes from the Board members present at the election; if the Board members are evenly divided the Chairperson presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.

(f) The criteria for candidature as described herein may be adjusted in extreme circumstances including but not limited to posthumous Life Membership, at the discretion of the Board.

(g) A Life Member of the Club will be presented with a plaque at the Club Presentation Night to recognise and commemorate their significant contribution to the Club and will be recorded at the Annual General Meeting each year.

(h) A Life Member shall have full privileges of the Club and shall not be obliged to pay any future subscriptions or levies.

(i) Only two candidates may be conferred with Life Membership each year.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3: Amendments to Composition of Board and Committees

Division 2—Composition of Board and duties of members

44. Composition of Board

(1) The Executive Board consists of

(a) a Chairperson; and

(b) a Director of Administration; and

(c) a Director of Finance; and

(d) a Director of Community and Inclusion; and

(e) a Senior President; and

(f) a Junior President; and

(g) up to three additional Directors with portfolios determined by the Board

(2) The Board consists of ordinary members elected under rule 55 with a maximum of 9 and a minimum of 6.

45. Composition of Senior Committee

(1) The Senior Committee consists of

(h) a President; and

(i) a Vice President; and

(j) a Secretary; and

(k) a Treasurer; and

(l) a Football Operations Manager Men's; and

(m) a Football Operations Manager Women's; and

(n) a Netball Operations Manager; and

(o) up to three additional committee members with portfolios determined by the Committee

(2) The Committee consists of ordinary members elected under rule 55 with a maximum of 10 and a minimum of 6.

46. Composition of Junior Committee

(1) The Junior Committee consists of

(p) a President; and

(q) a Vice President; and

(r) a Secretary; and

(s) a Treasurer; and

(t) an Auskick Co-ordinator; and

(u) a Registrar; and

(v) up to four additional committee members with portfolios determined by the Committee

(2) The Committee consists of ordinary members elected under rule 55 with a maximum of 10 and a minimum of 6.

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