



Constitutional Components Overview

	Constitution	Regulations (aka By-Laws)	Policies
Rationale of content	These are rules that (i) ensure compliance with the NSW Associations Incorporation Act (2009); (ii) provide alignment with FNSW's recommended constitution template; and (iii) define important aspects of governance, particular to our club, that should not normally be changed.	These are important rules and principles of governing the club that should not be changed lightly but may need to be updated from time to time as the club evolves.	These are rules of how to deal with particular matters - these effectively formalise the culture of the club.
We have made additions to the FNSW template constitution ..	(i) Given Life members and Junior members (via their parents) the right to vote (ii) Set the AGM quorum to 15 (iii) Included a General Committee and given it the right to be involved in some decisions	We have three: I – Titles & Roles II – Elections & Voting III – Club Policies	(i) Fair and equal treatment (ii) Controls on payments, benefits and incentives (iii) Club administration (iv) Member protection
Summary of how change is made	Requires approval from: (i) Board (51% majority); (ii) General Committee (75%); (iii) the club membership through a Special General Meeting (before an AGM).	Requires approval from: (i) Board (51% majority); (ii) General Committee (75%)	Requires approval from: (i) Board (51% majority); (ii) General Committee (75%)
wrt General Committee ...	Sets out the right of the committee to approve changes to the constitution and regulations	Defines the committee roles and sets out their right to approve: (i) budget (51% majority) (ii) Club colours, logo, playing strip, vision/mission (75%)	
Intention of our changes	By enshrining the right of the General Committee (via the Regulations) to vote on fundamental issues such as major financial commitments, we hope to entrench a culture of transparency, broad consultation and consensus in the running of the club. This prevents a small number of Board members altering the club's brand or making major investments that do not have the broad support of the entire club management cohort.		